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—YOSHIHIRO TOGASHI, 1994

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Into the Demon Plane!!



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CAST OF CHARACTERS:



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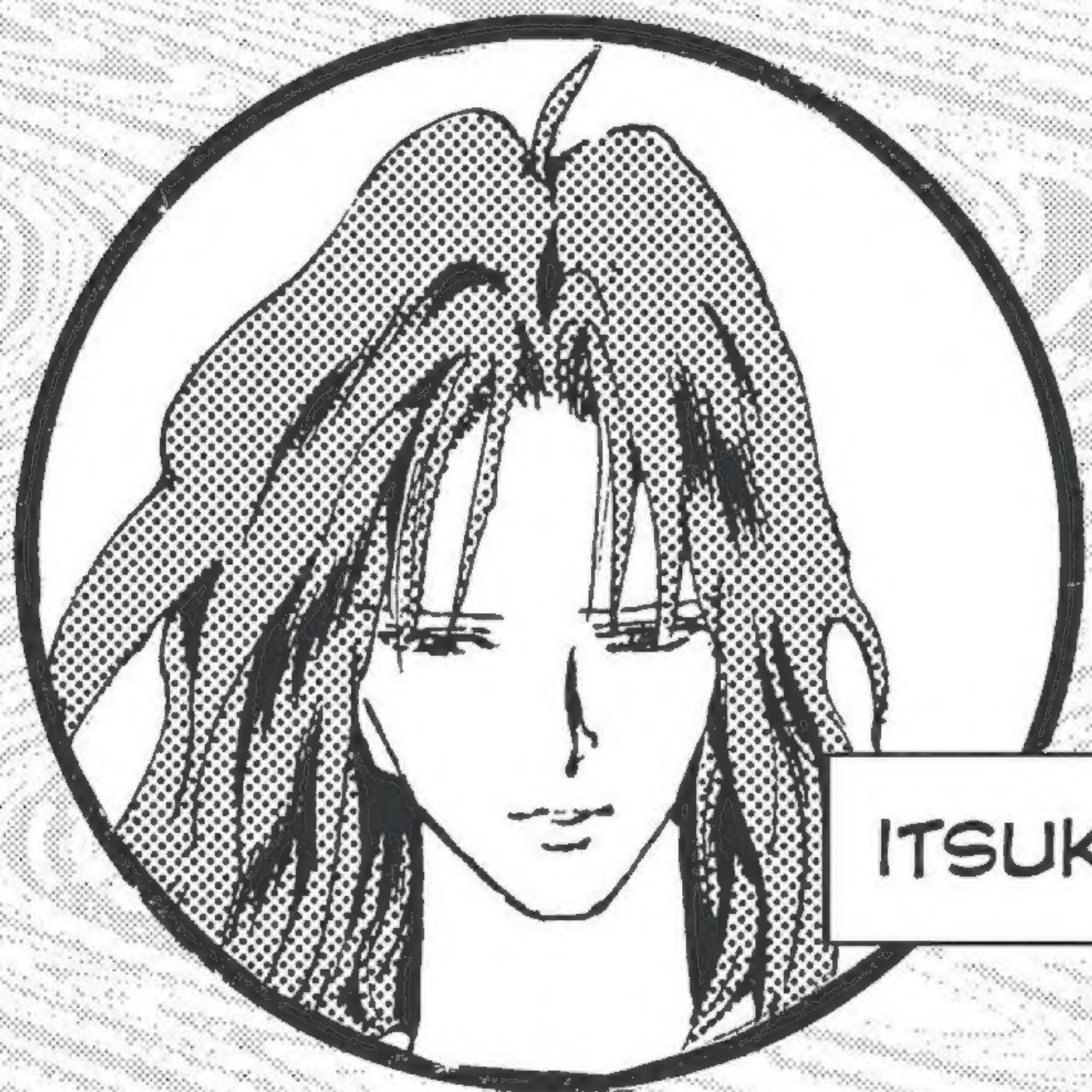
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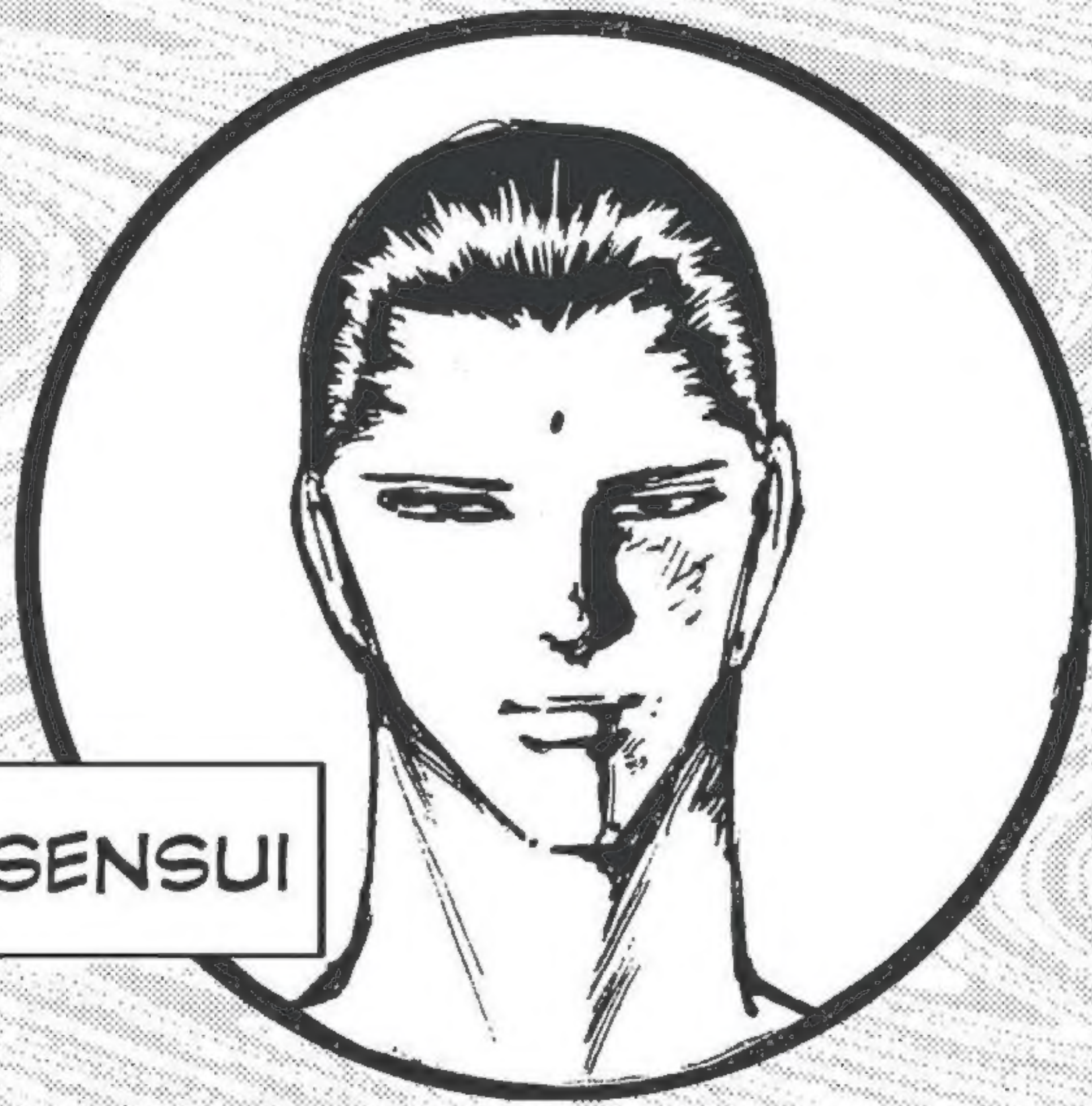
KOENMA

BOTAN

HIEI



ITSUKI



SENSUI

The Story So Far

THIS IS THE STORY OF YUSUKE URAMESHI, A HAPLESS TEENAGE LOU who gets hit by a car while trying to save a kid. The incident turns Yusuke into a ghost, but King Enma of the Underworld gives him a number of ordeals that, successfully dealt with, allows Yusuke to come back to life. He now works as an Underworld Detective, with demons aplenty wishing him dead again.

SENSUI, a former Underworld Detective, is trying to open a hole--the Barrier Tunnel--to the Demon Plane in order to wreak havoc on the human world. Yusuke and his team are assigned to stop him, but Sensui captures Kuwabara, who has developed the ability to cut holes in dimensions. The crew storms the enemy hideout...but all bets are off as to what'll happen next!

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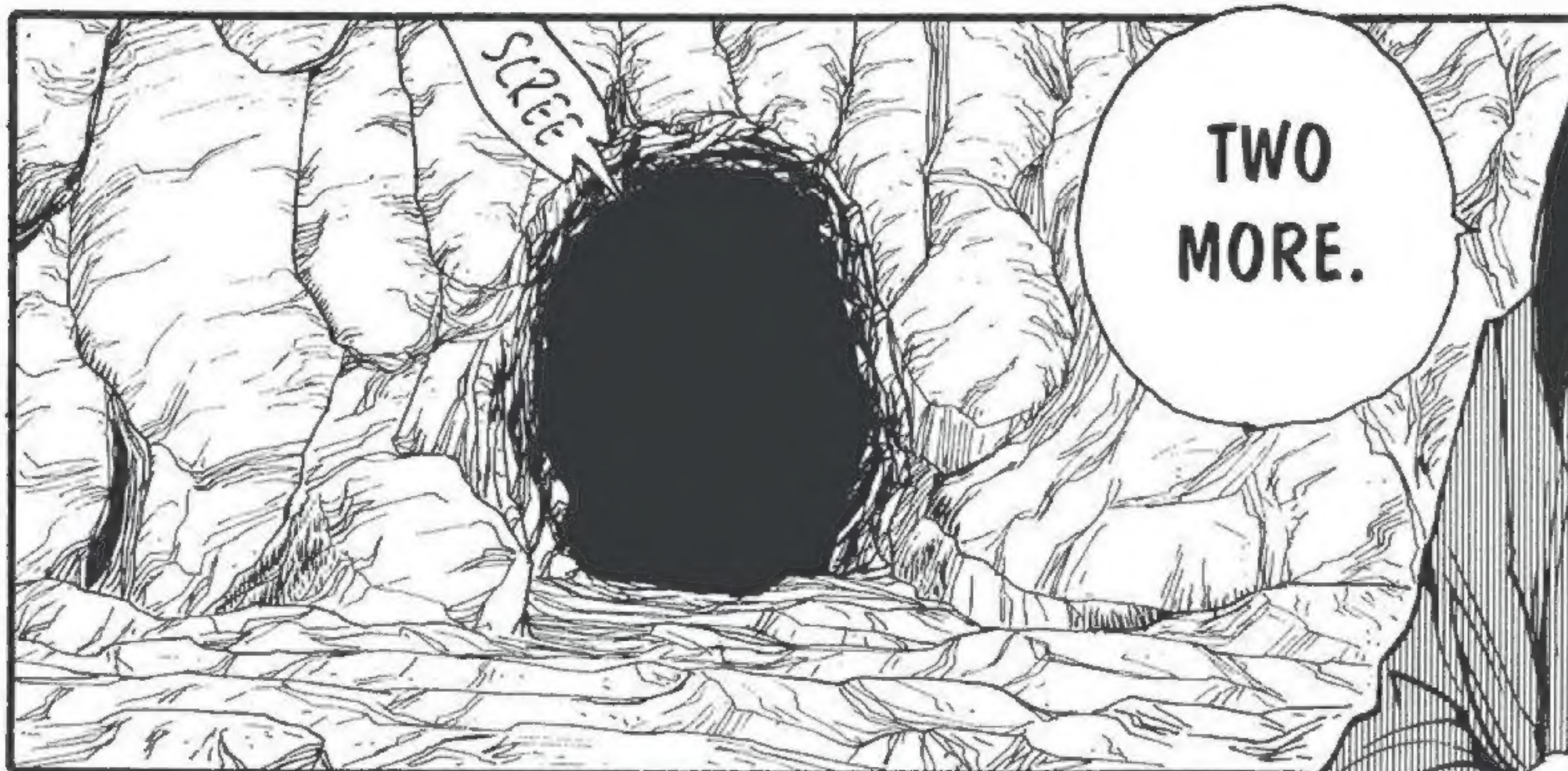
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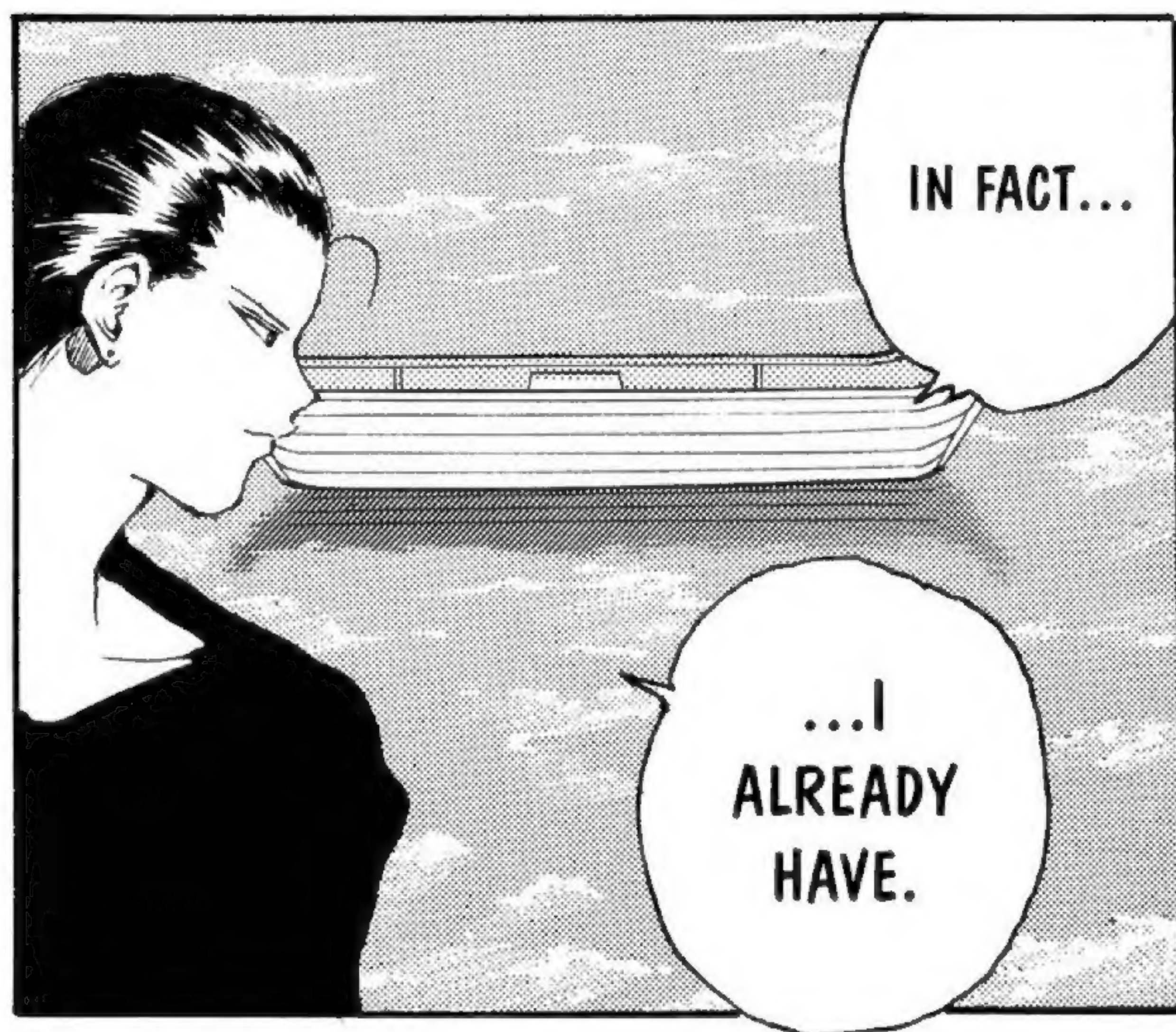
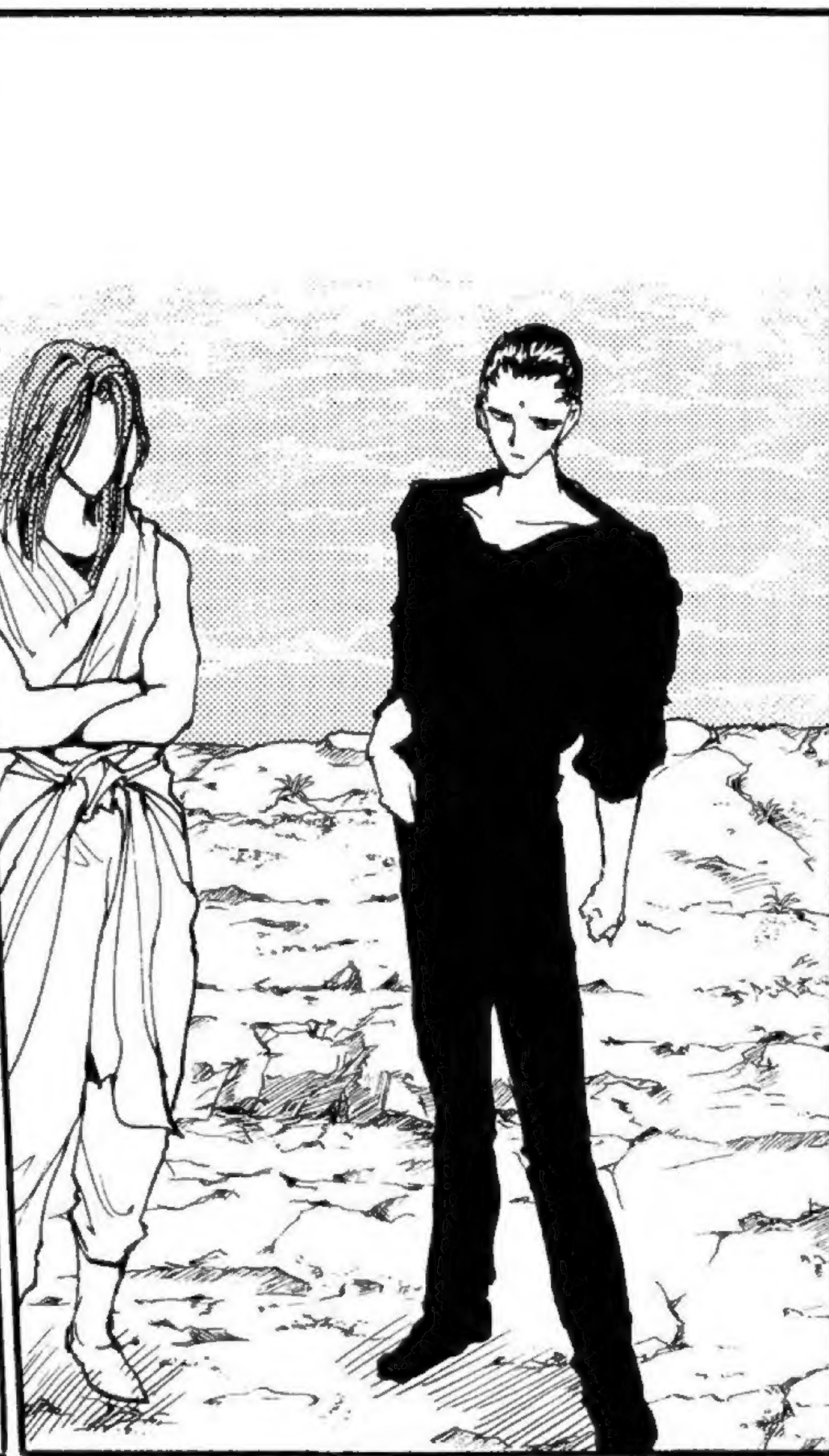
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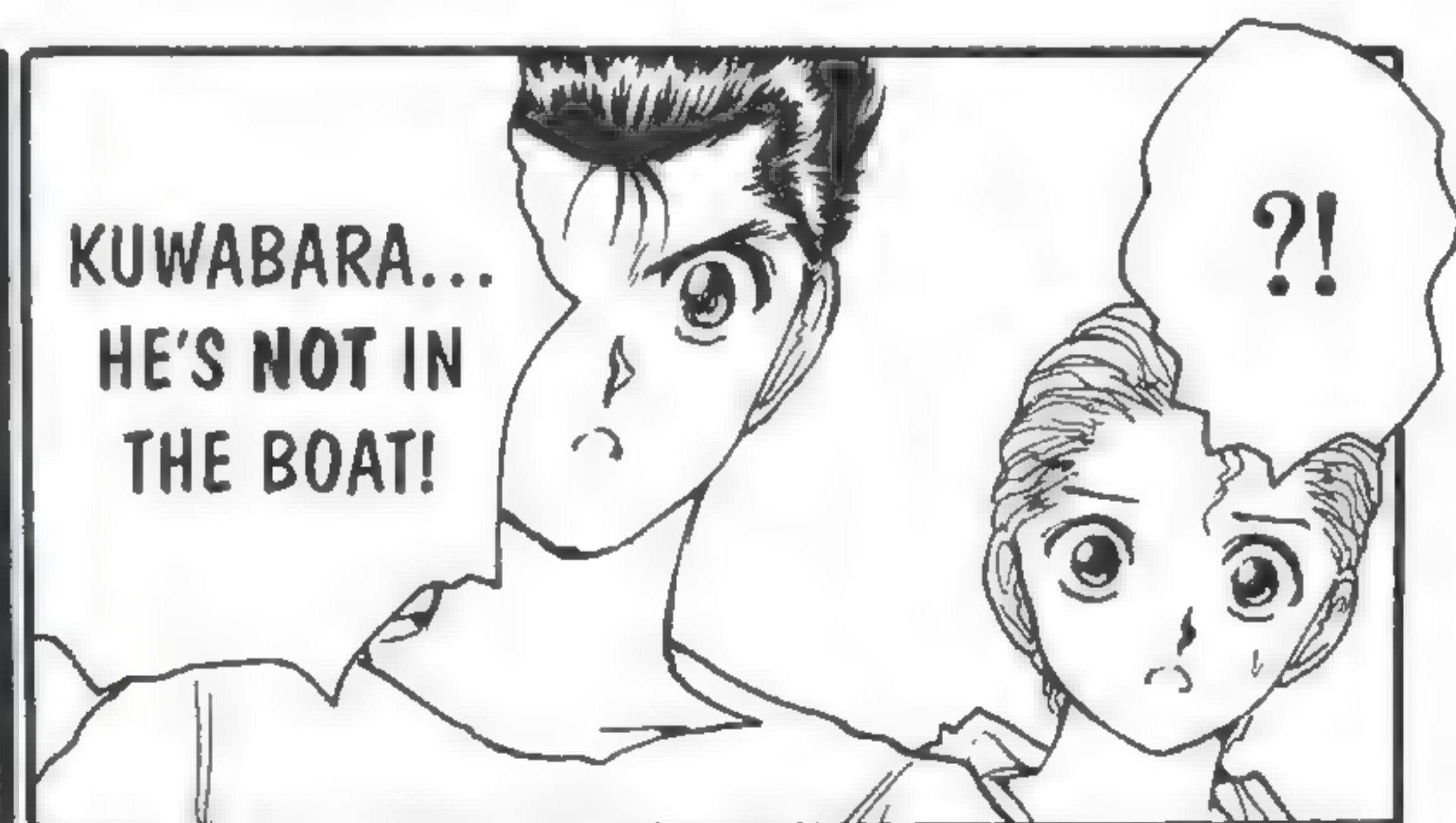
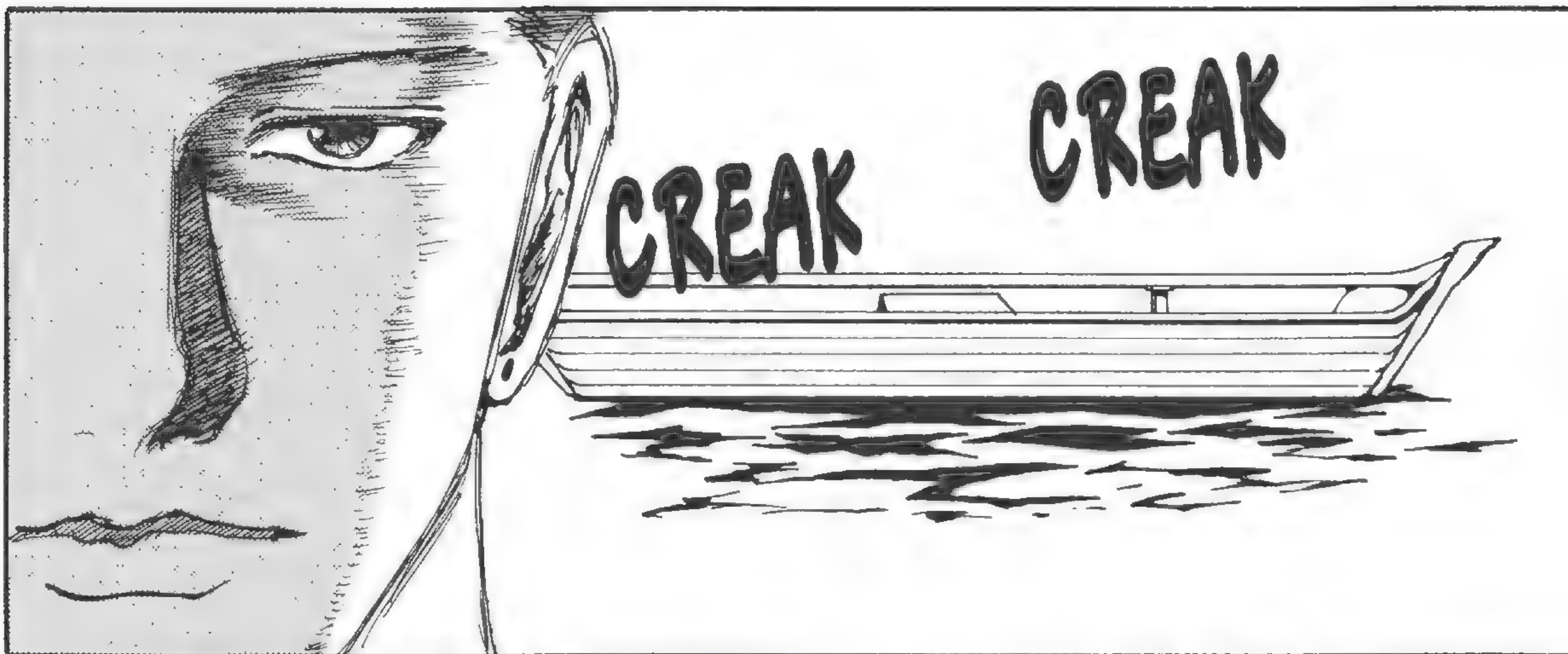


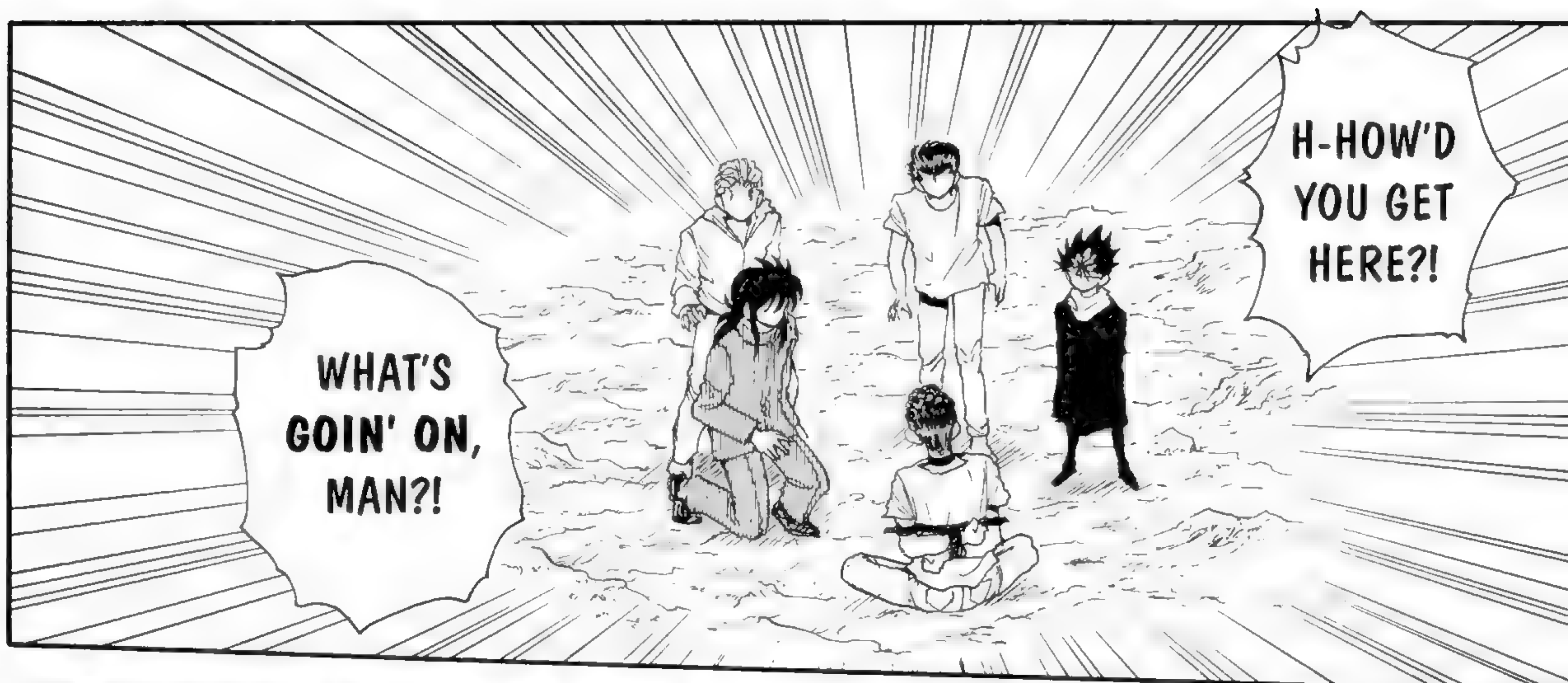
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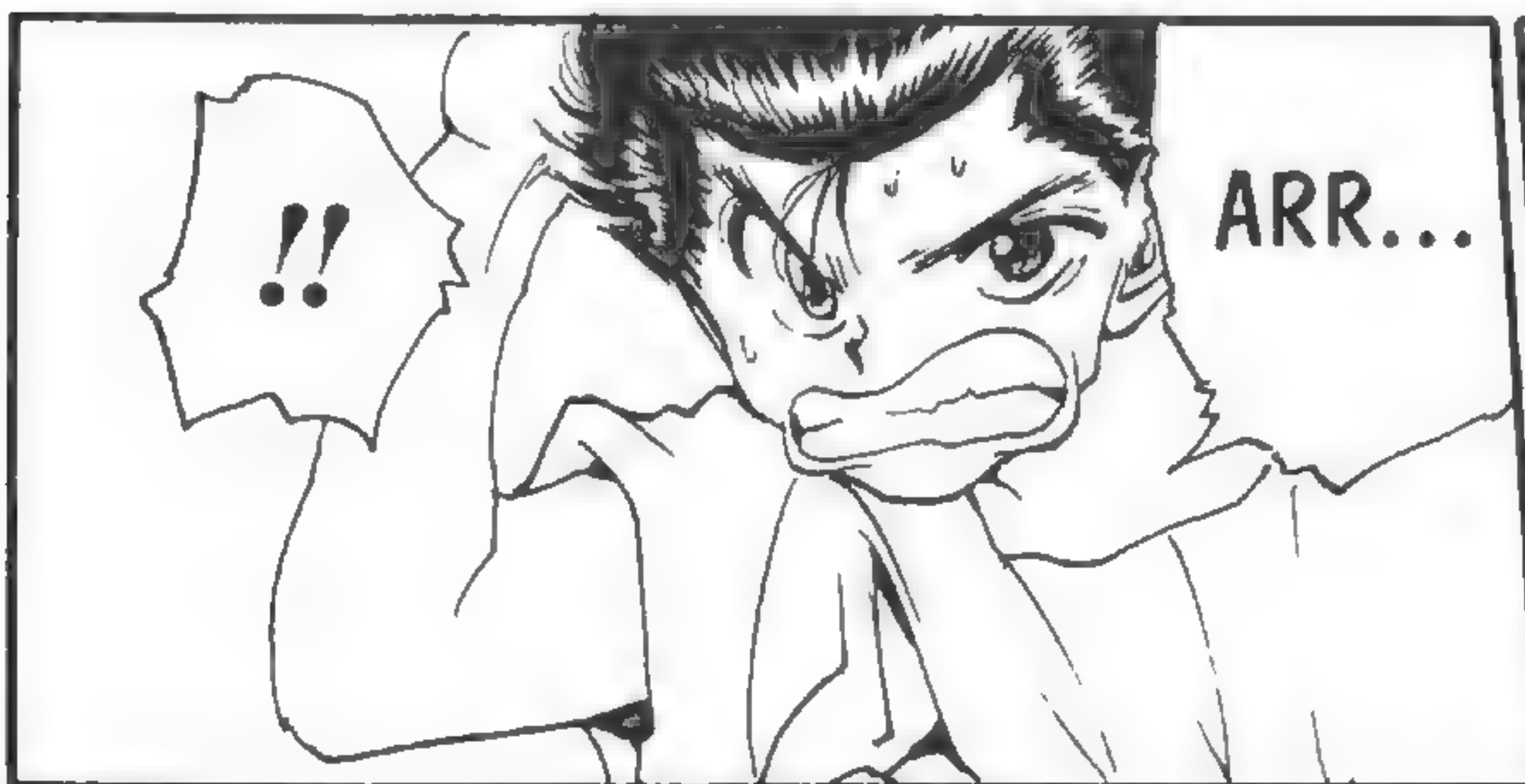
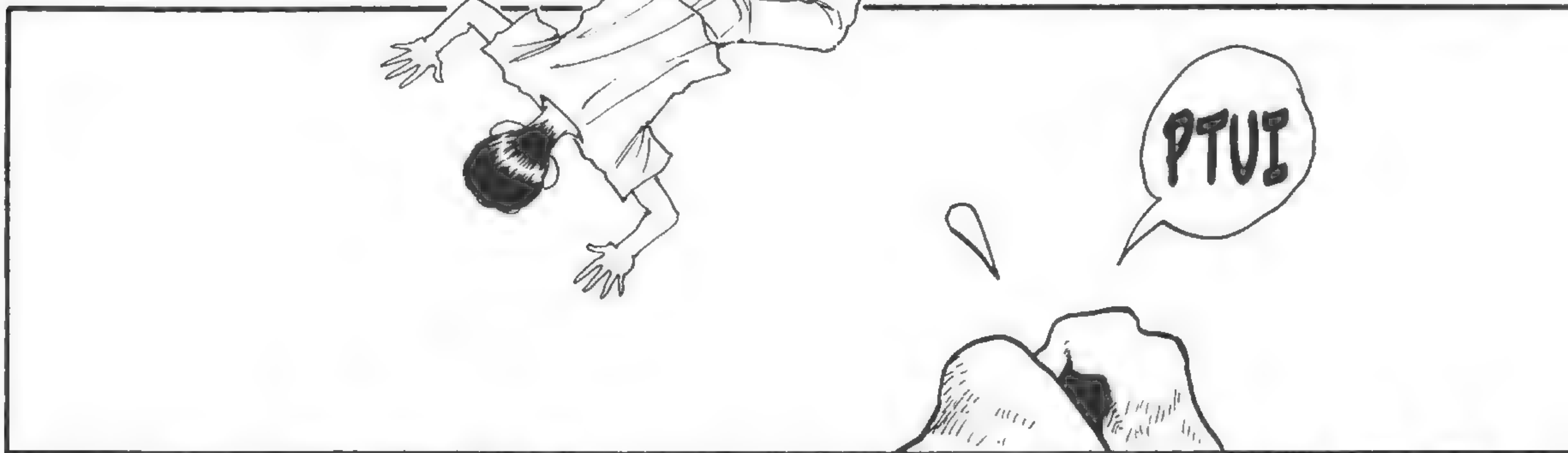
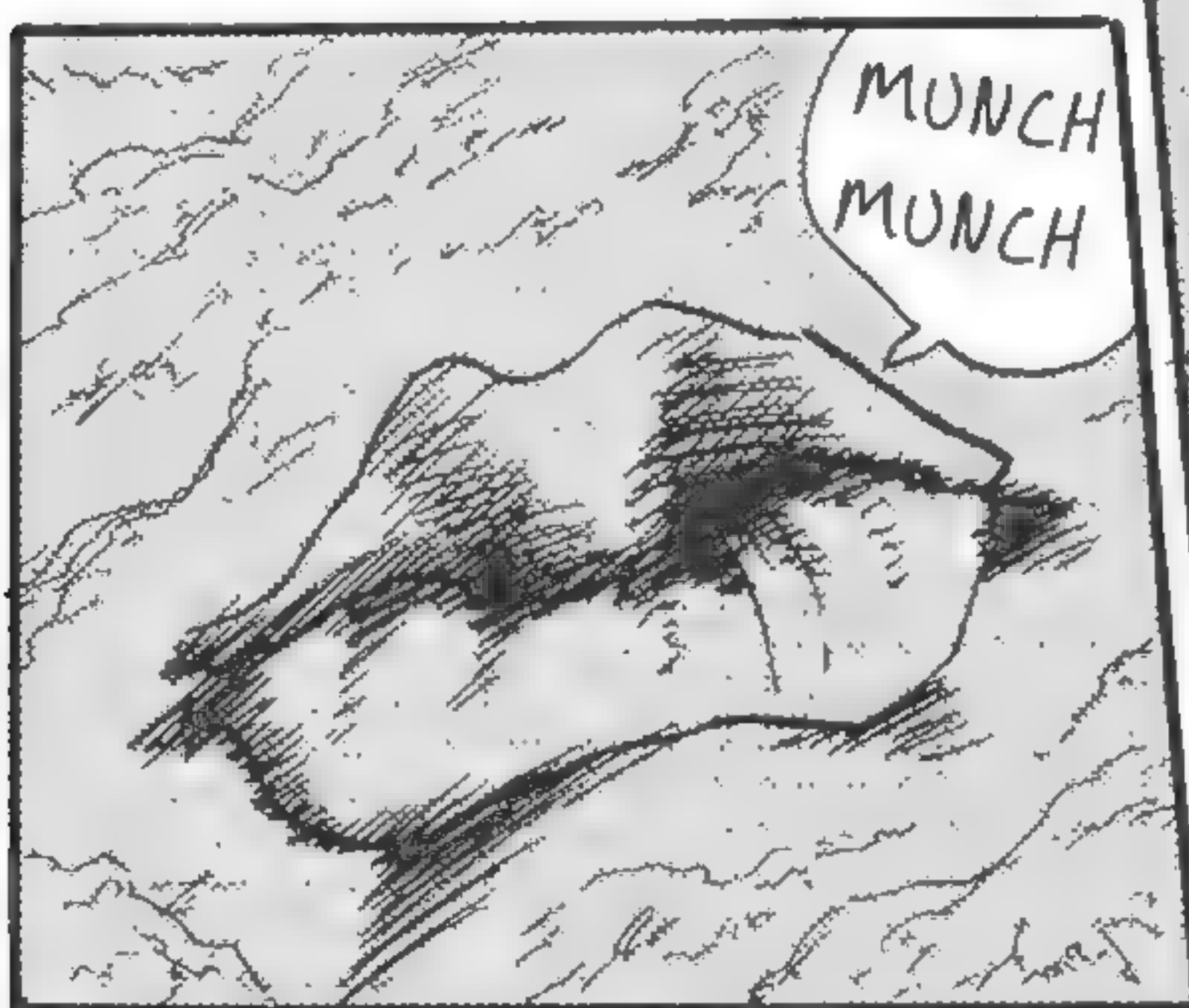
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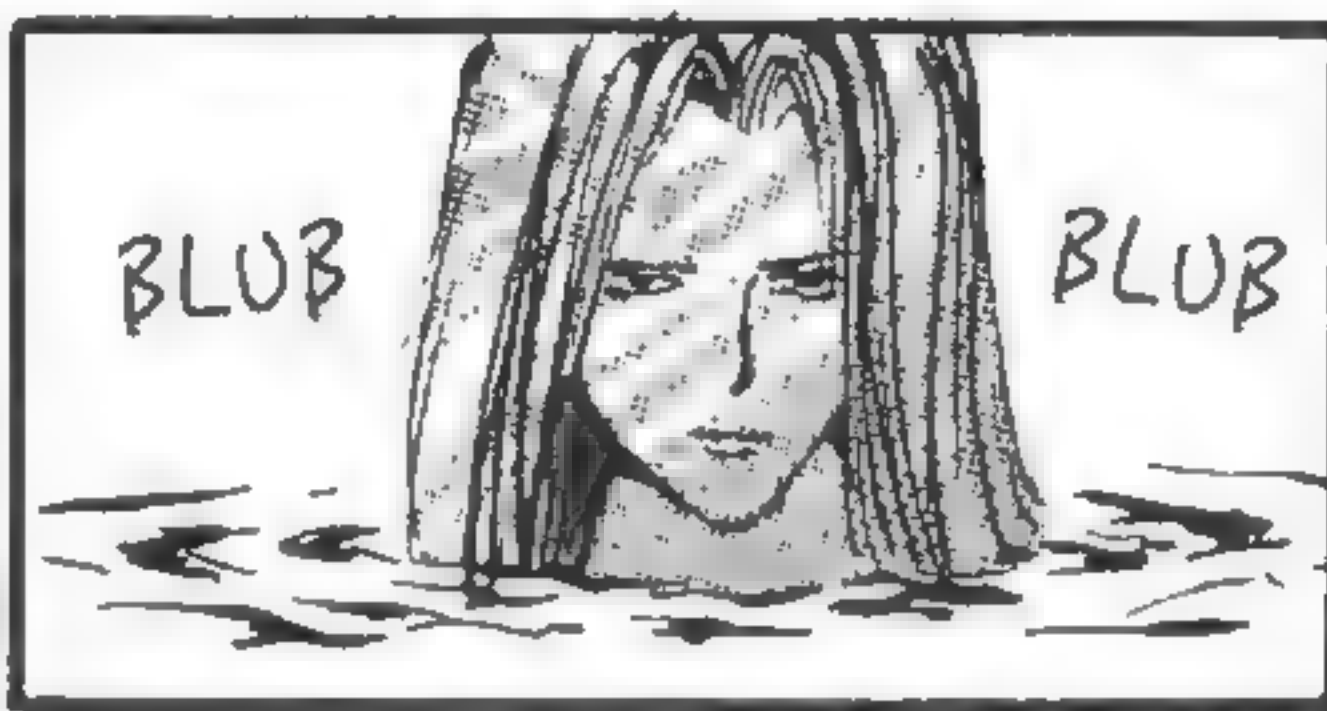
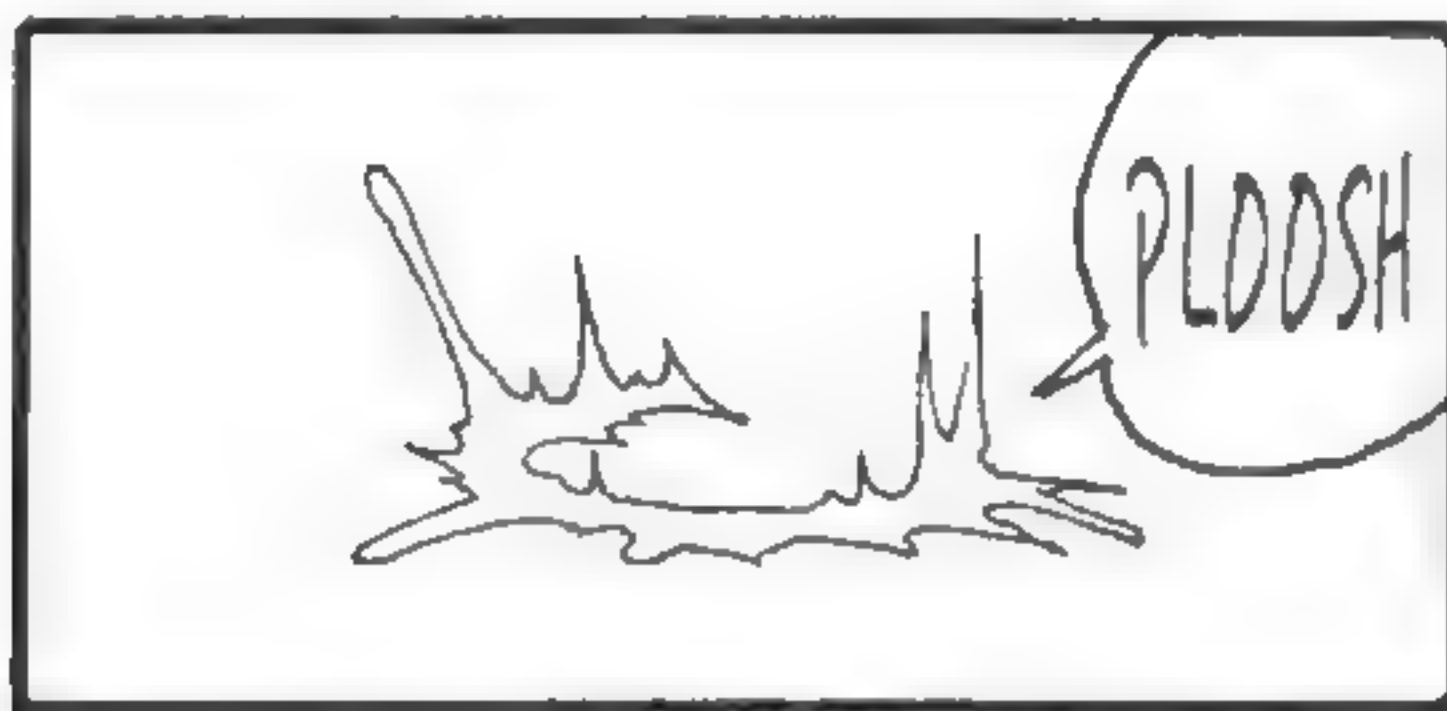












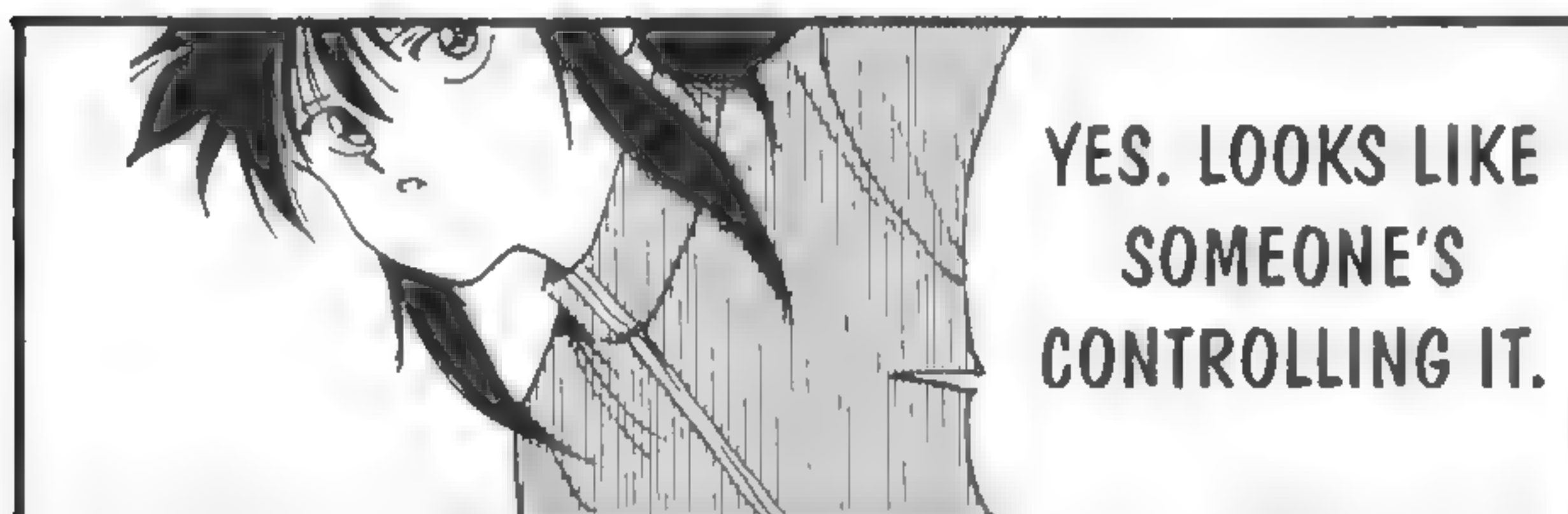


HEY!
SOMEBODY
UNTIE ME!!

WH-WHERE
ARE WE?



Y'MEAN THE 2-D
DEMON WHO
LIVES BETWEEN
DIMENSIONS?



YES. LOOKS LIKE
SOMEONE'S
CONTROLLING IT.



DEVOURED
BY THE
INVERSE
MAN.

WE'RE IN
HYPER-
SPACE.



YOU'RE A
DEMON,
TOO?



IT'S SORT
OF MY PET.

THAT'S
TRUE.

DARK NIGHT STROKER

THIS DEMON POSSESSES
THE SHADOW HANDS,
WHICH ALLOW FREE
PASSAGE BETWEEN
DIMENSIONS, AND IS ONE
OF THE FEW WITH THE
ABILITY TO COMMAND
LESSER DEMONS LIVING IN
DIFFERENT DIMENSIONS.

I'M ITSUKI,
THE DARK
NIGHT
STROKER.

PLEASE,
I DIDN'T BRING
YOU HERE
TO FIGHT.

WE'RE
SIMPLY AN
AUDIENCE.

?

HE'S THE
ONE BEEN
YANKIN' ME!
LEMME
AT 'IM!

I SEE.



YEAH?
THEN I'D
LIKE TO
KNOW...

...WHAT IT IS
THAT DRAWS
YOU TO
SENSUI!

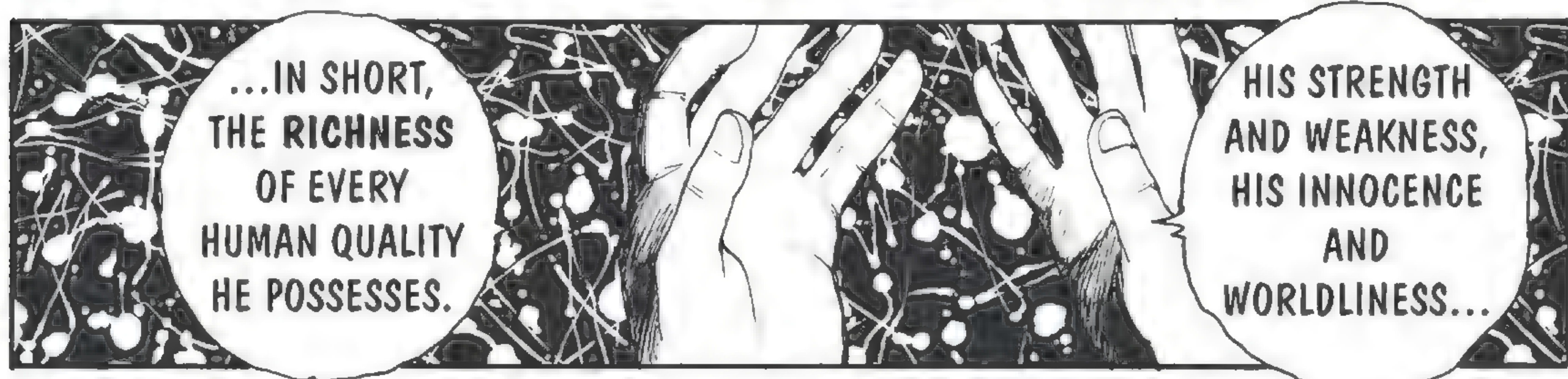


EVERY-
THING.



...ISN'T
THAT
SO?

EACH OF US
SERVES A
CHARISMATIC
LEADER...



...IN SHORT,
THE RICHNESS
OF EVERY
HUMAN QUALITY
HE POSSESSES.

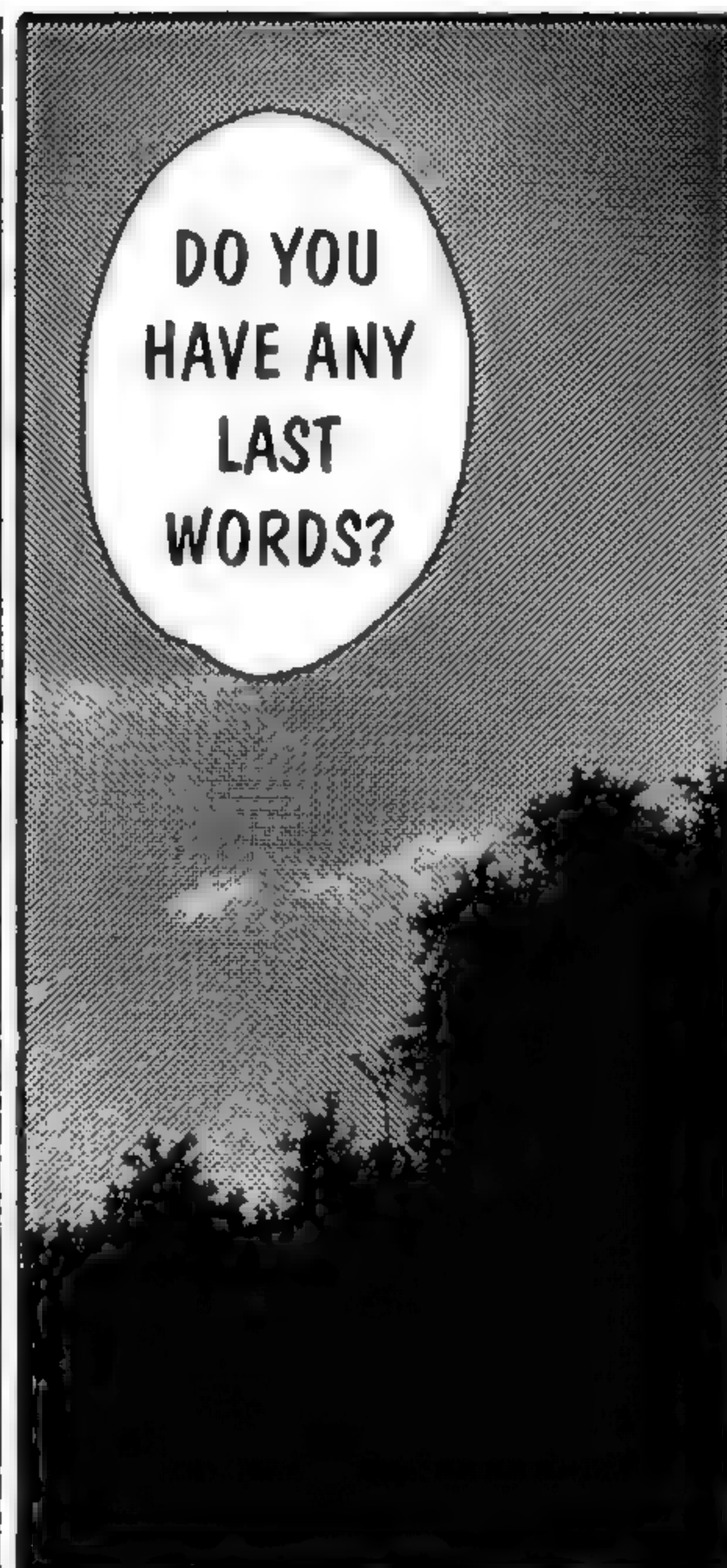
HIS STRENGTH
AND WEAKNESS,
HIS INNOCENCE
AND
WORLDLINESS...



HE WAS ALREADY SO
POWERFUL THAT IT WAS
SAID, "NO DEMON THAT
SEES SENSUI LIVES TO
TELL OF IT." AND HE DID,
IN FACT, KILL EVERY
DEMON HE FOUGHT.

WE WERE
ENEMIES
WHEN WE
FIRST MET.

BUT HE
DIDN'T
KILL ME.



* UNORTHODOX JAPANESE POP SINGER - ED.





WE CHATTED
FOR NEARLY AN
HOUR.
HE SEEMED
YOUNGER THAN
HIS AGE.

I GUESS ALL
DEMONS
AREN'T THE
SAME.



...YET HIS
SOUL WAS
PURE AS NEW-
FALLEN SNOW.

HE KILLED IN
THE MANNER
OF AN ELITE
ASSASSIN...



A GLIMPSE
OF MY
HUMAN SIDE
WAS, AT THE
TIME...

FUNNY,
EH?

...A SHOCK
OF SUCH
INTENSITY IT
TURNED
SENSUI'S WORLD
UPSIDE DOWN.



FOR ME IT WAS
LIKE FALLING
IN LOVE WITH
A TIME BOMB.



...BEFORE
THINGS GOT
THIS FAR.

YOU
MIGHT'VE
STOPPED
HIM...



WHY WOULD I
DO THAT?




NOW
YOU'RE
GETTING
WEIRD.



I YEARNED TO
WATCH HIM GROW
SCARRED AND
DEFILED, A
FALLEN ANGEL.



WHAT
...?




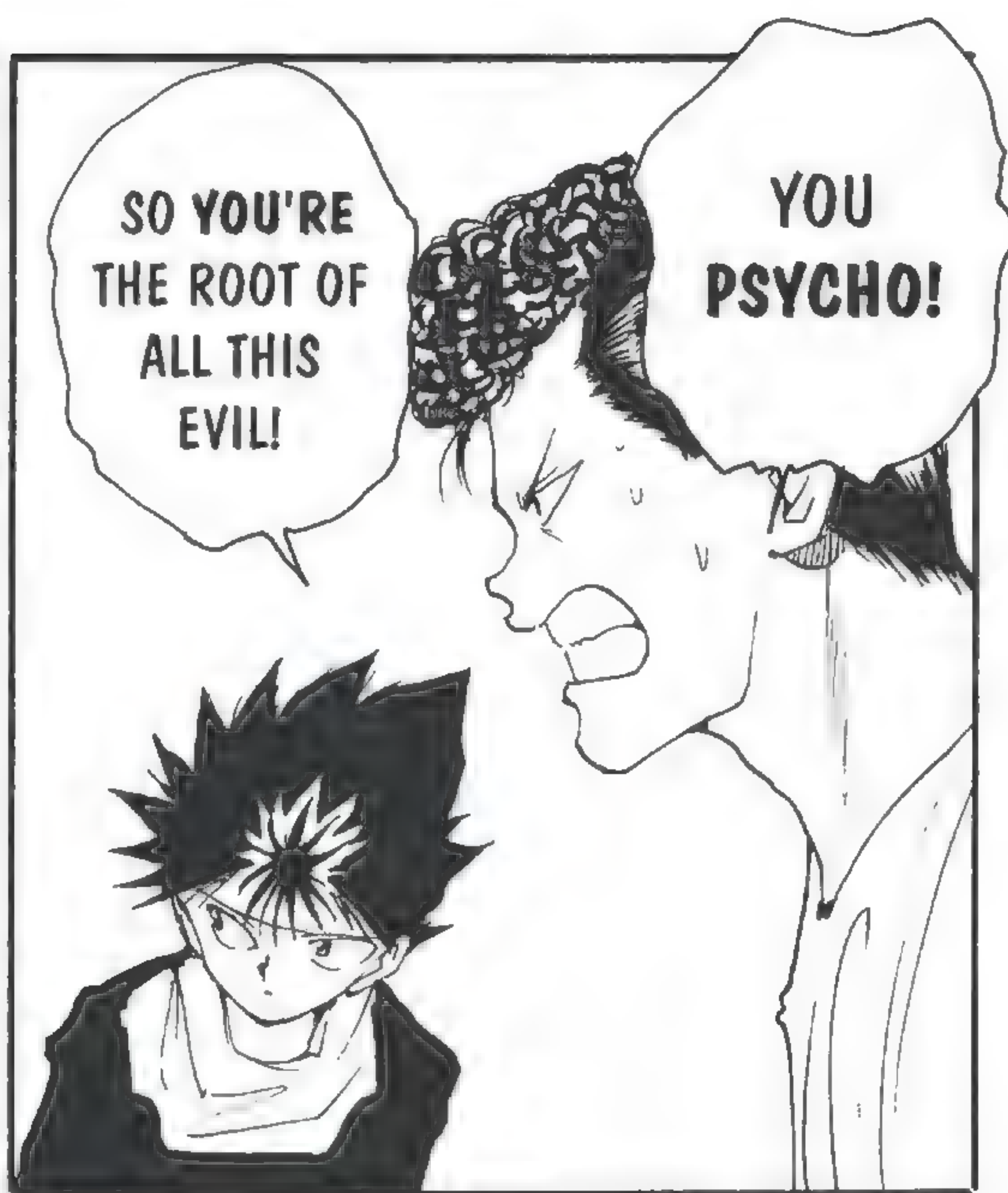
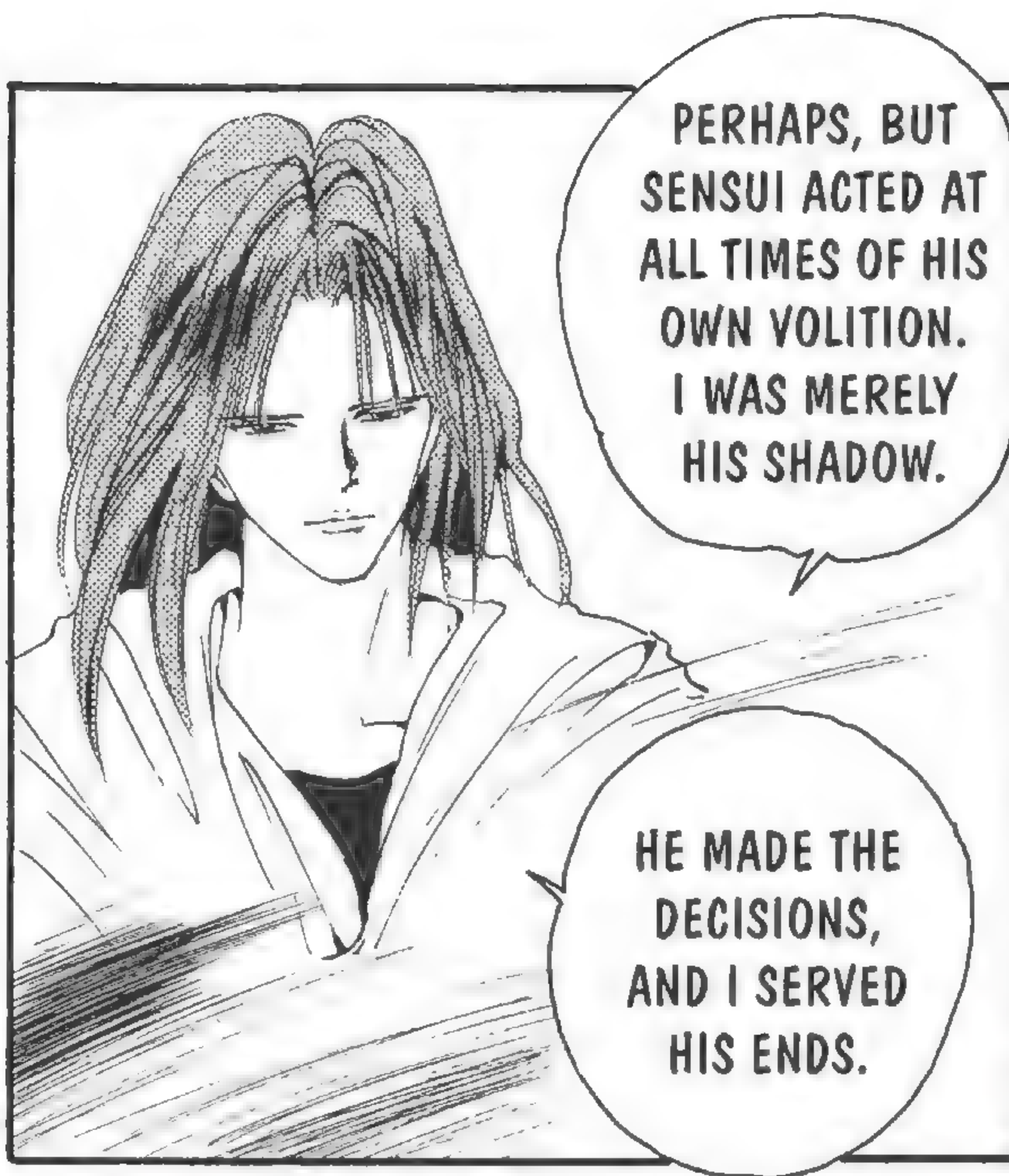
SENSUI'S
REACTIONS TO THE
UGLY SIDE OF
HUMANITY WERE,
FOR ME, A DREAM
COME TRUE.

UNABLE TO
ASSIMILATE OR
RATIONALIZE IT,
HE SANK DEEPER
INTO DESPAIR.

IMAGINE THE SORDID
PLEASURE OF SHOWING
TERRIBLE THINGS TO
INNOCENT PEOPLE, WHO
ARE BARELY ABLE TO
COMPREHEND THEM.
THESE KINDS OF DARK
DESIRES ARE NOT
FAR FROM ANY
DEMON'S HEART.

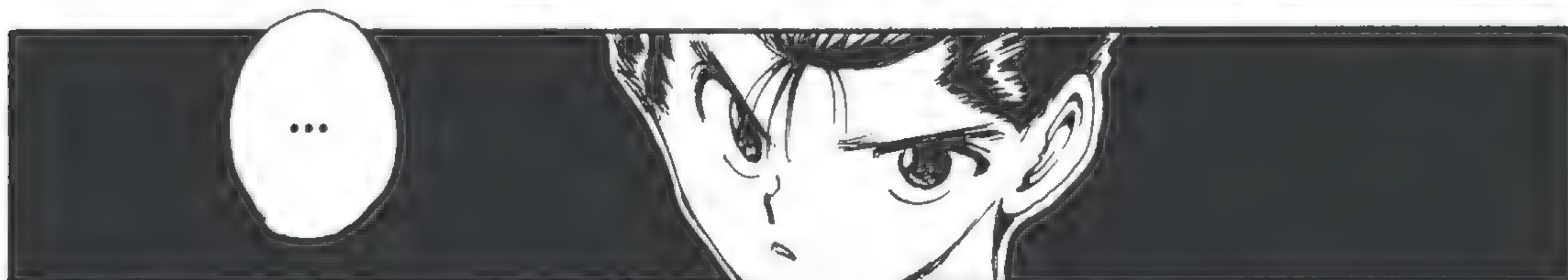
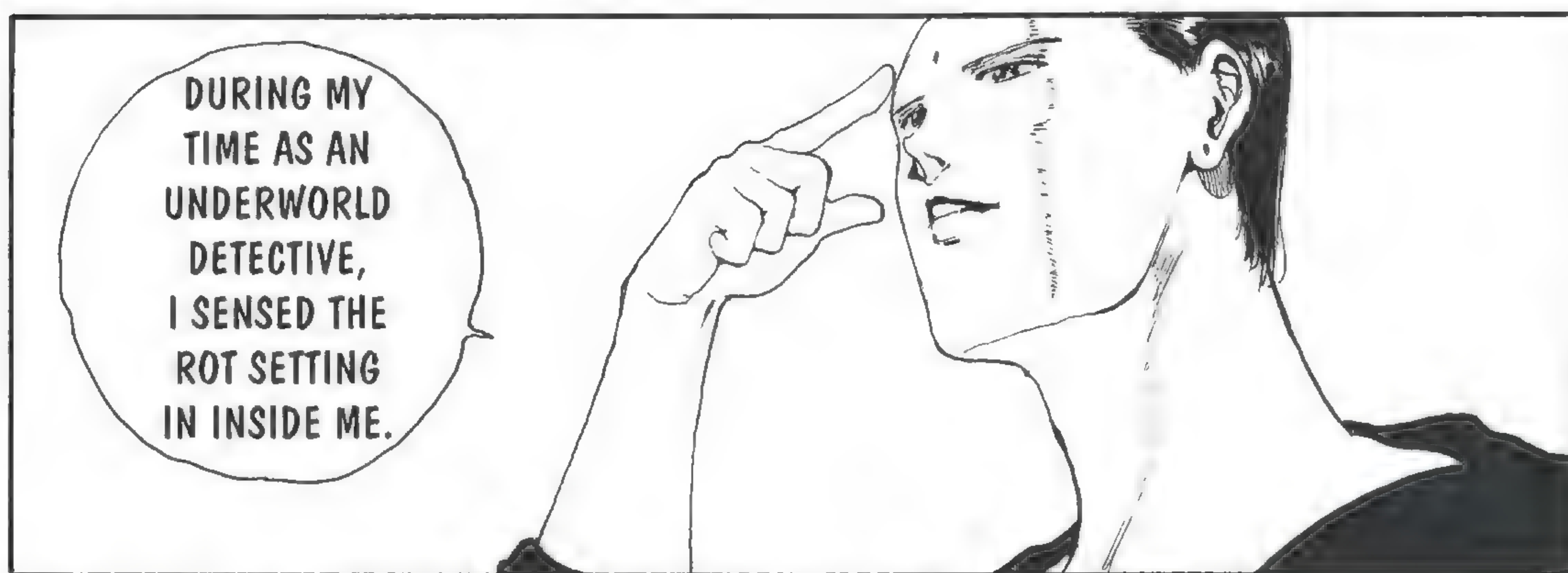
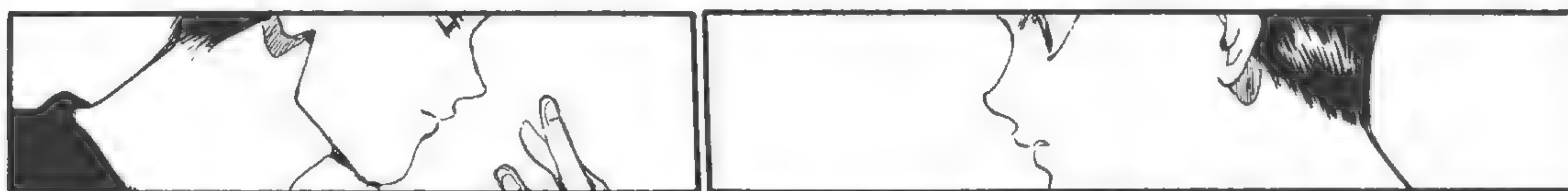
AND AS HE SANK,
HE GREW
STRONGER.

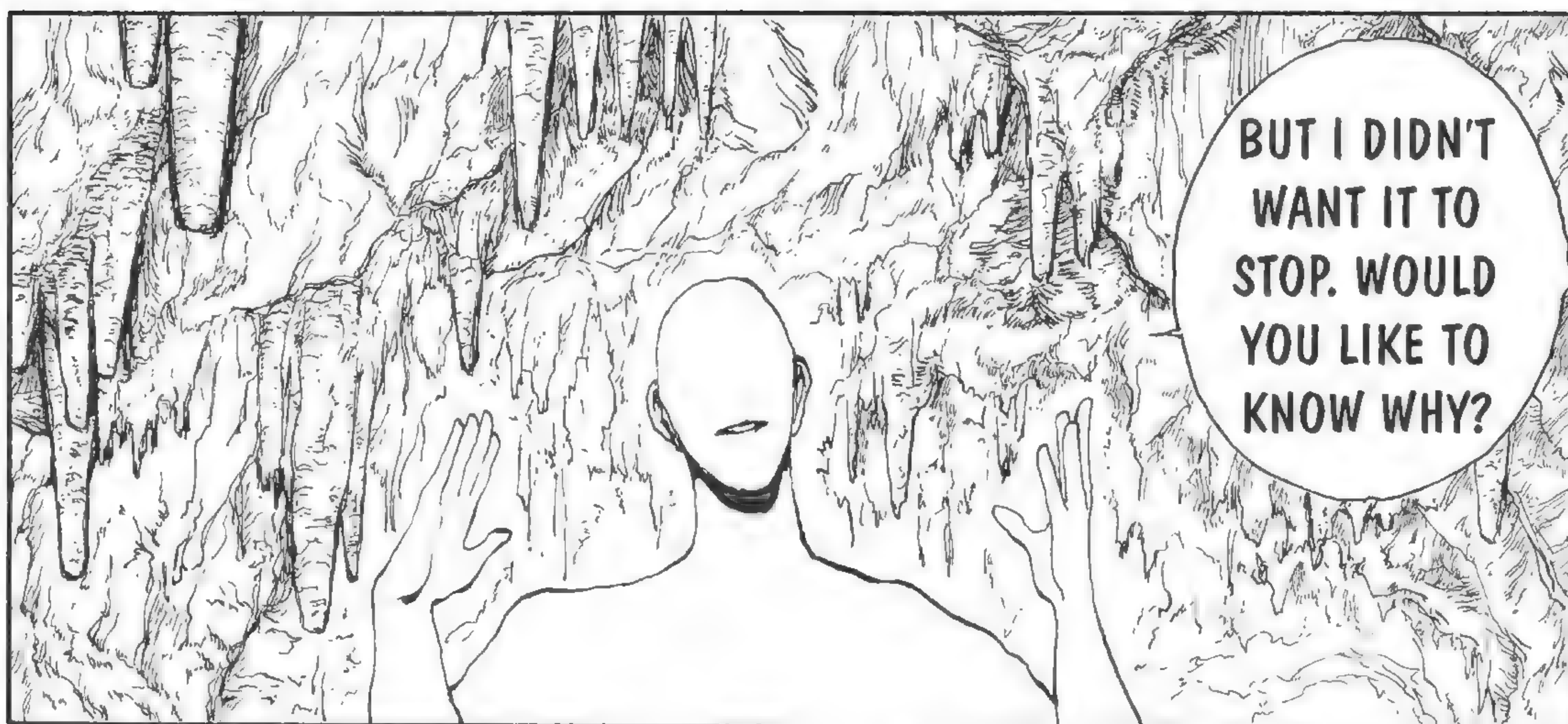




AND I WILL
DO SO FOR
AS LONG
AS HE
WISHES.



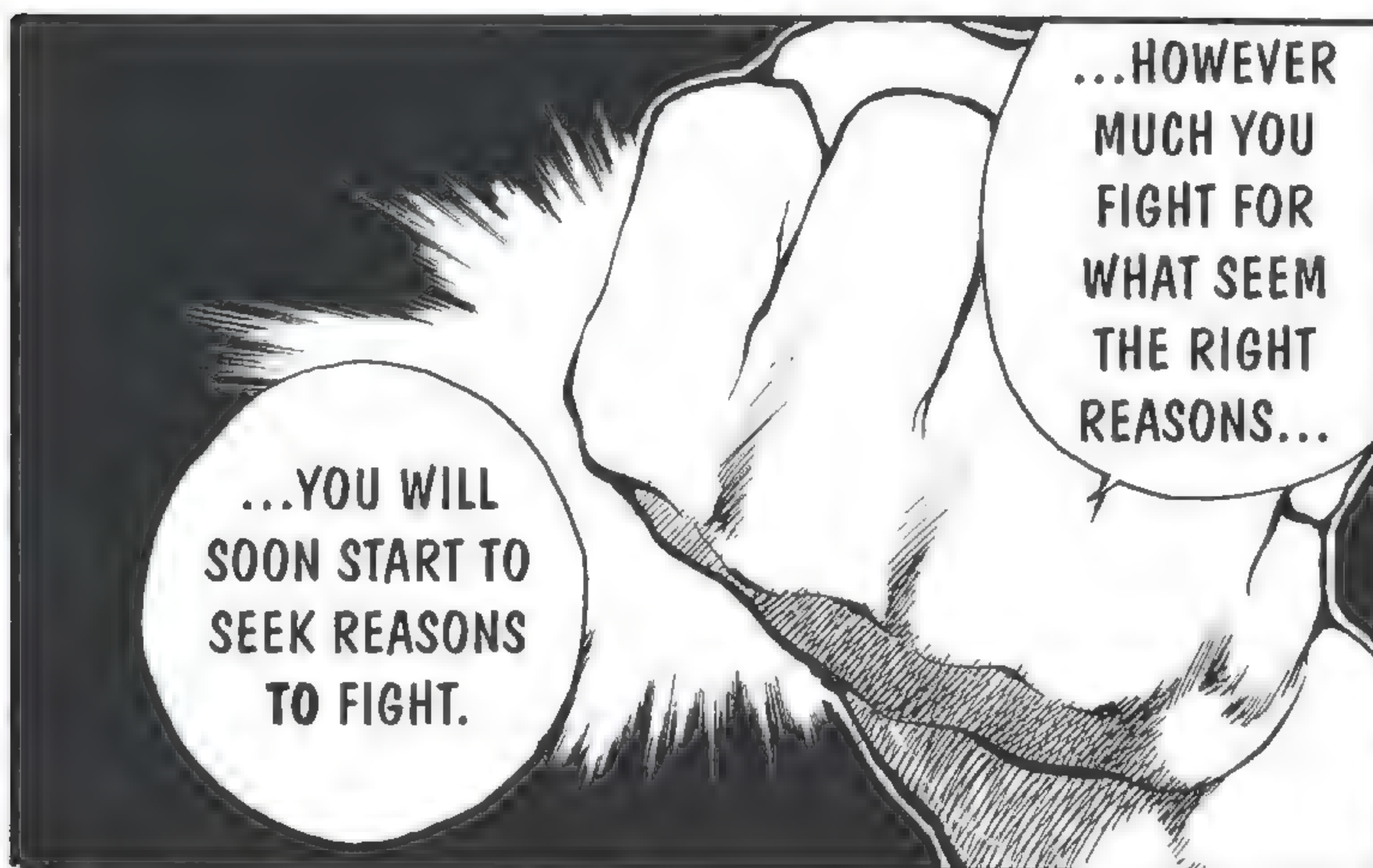




BUT I DIDN'T
WANT IT TO
STOP. WOULD
YOU LIKE TO
KNOW WHY?

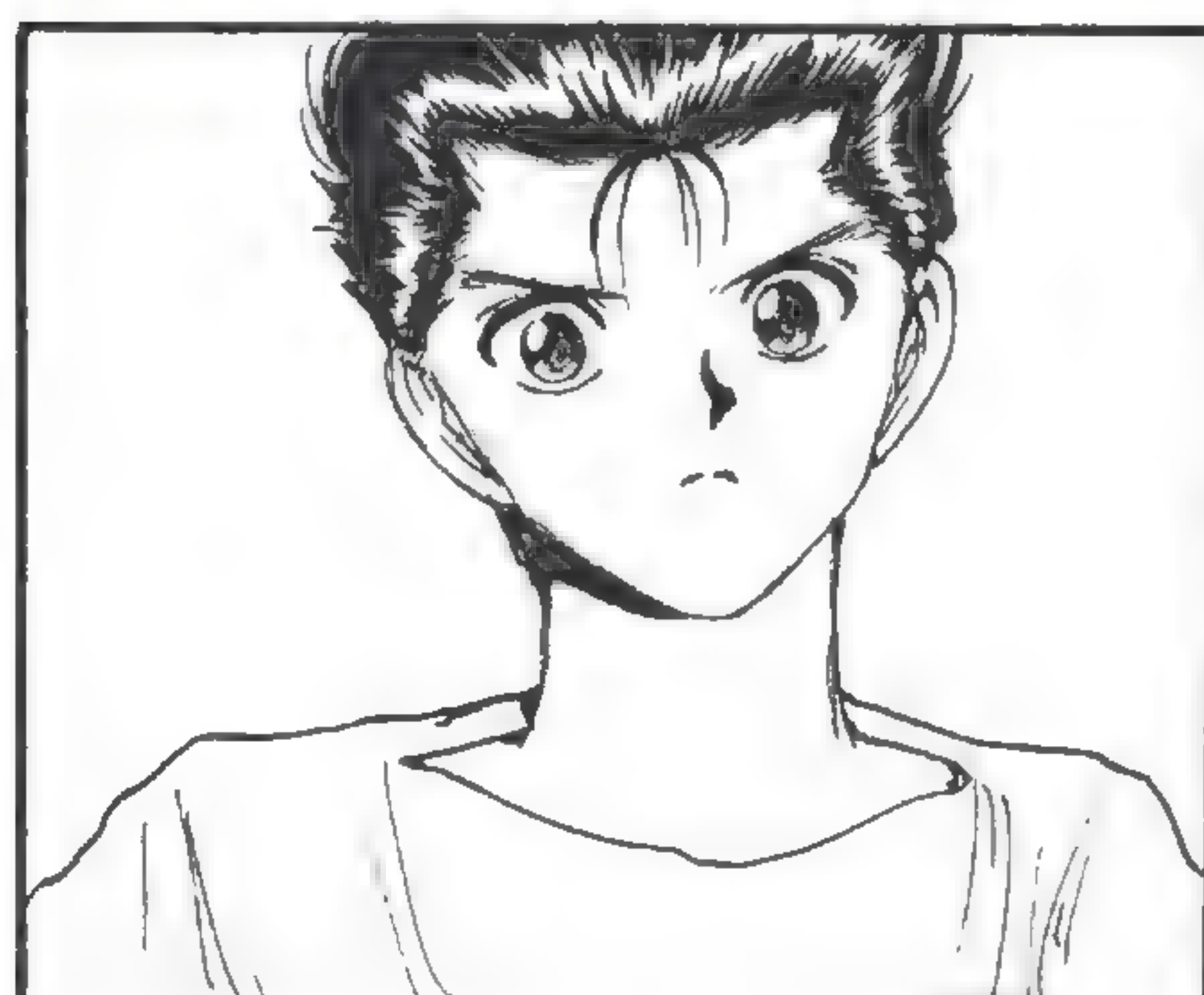


YOU YOUR-
SELF WILL
FIND OUT
THAT...



...YOU WILL
SOON START TO
SEEK REASONS
TO FIGHT.

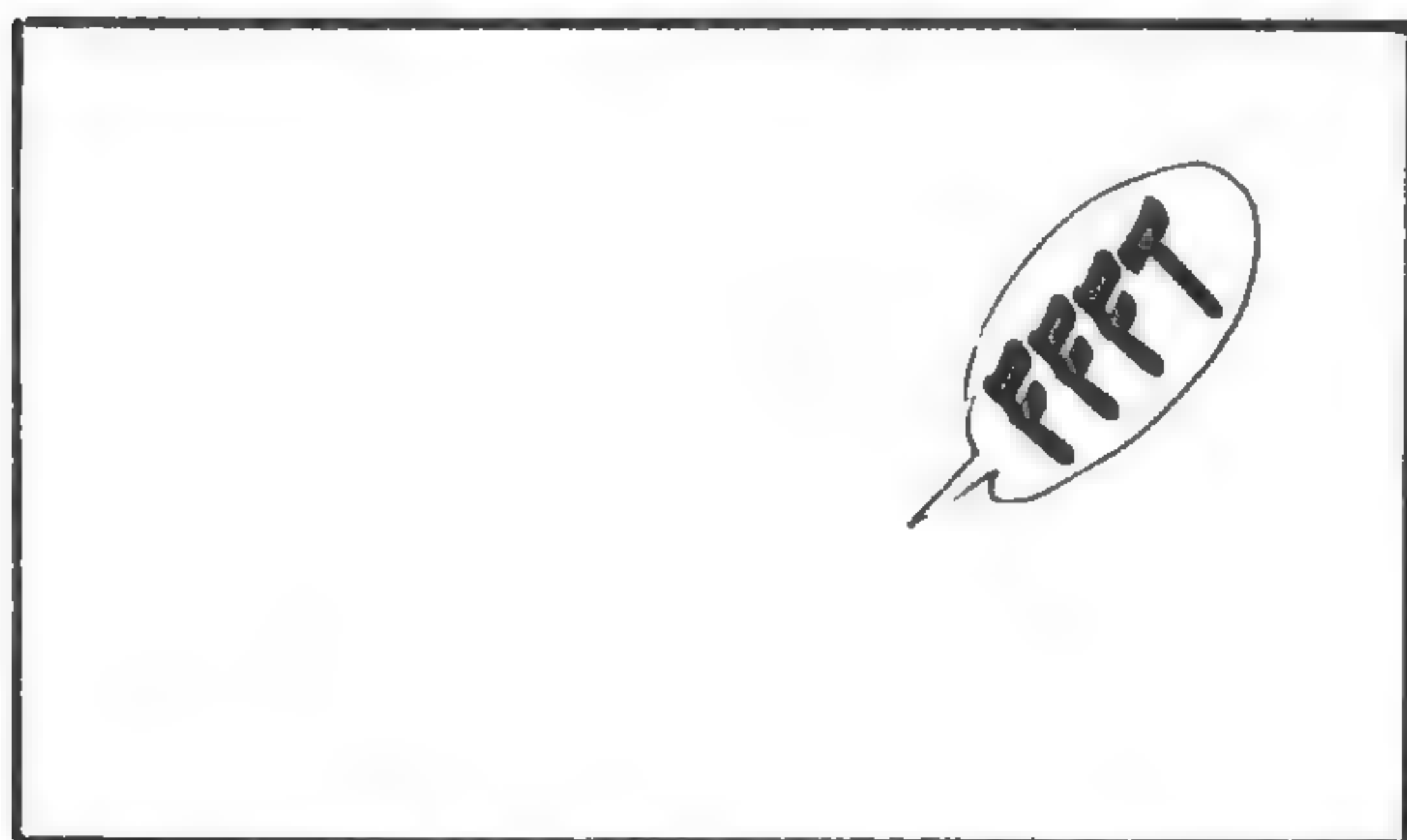
...HOWEVER
MUCH YOU
FIGHT FOR
WHAT SEEM
THE RIGHT
REASONS...



EVENTUALLY
REASONS
WON'T
MATTER.



BECAUSE I
REALIZED IT
AROSE FROM
MY VERY
EXISTENCE.



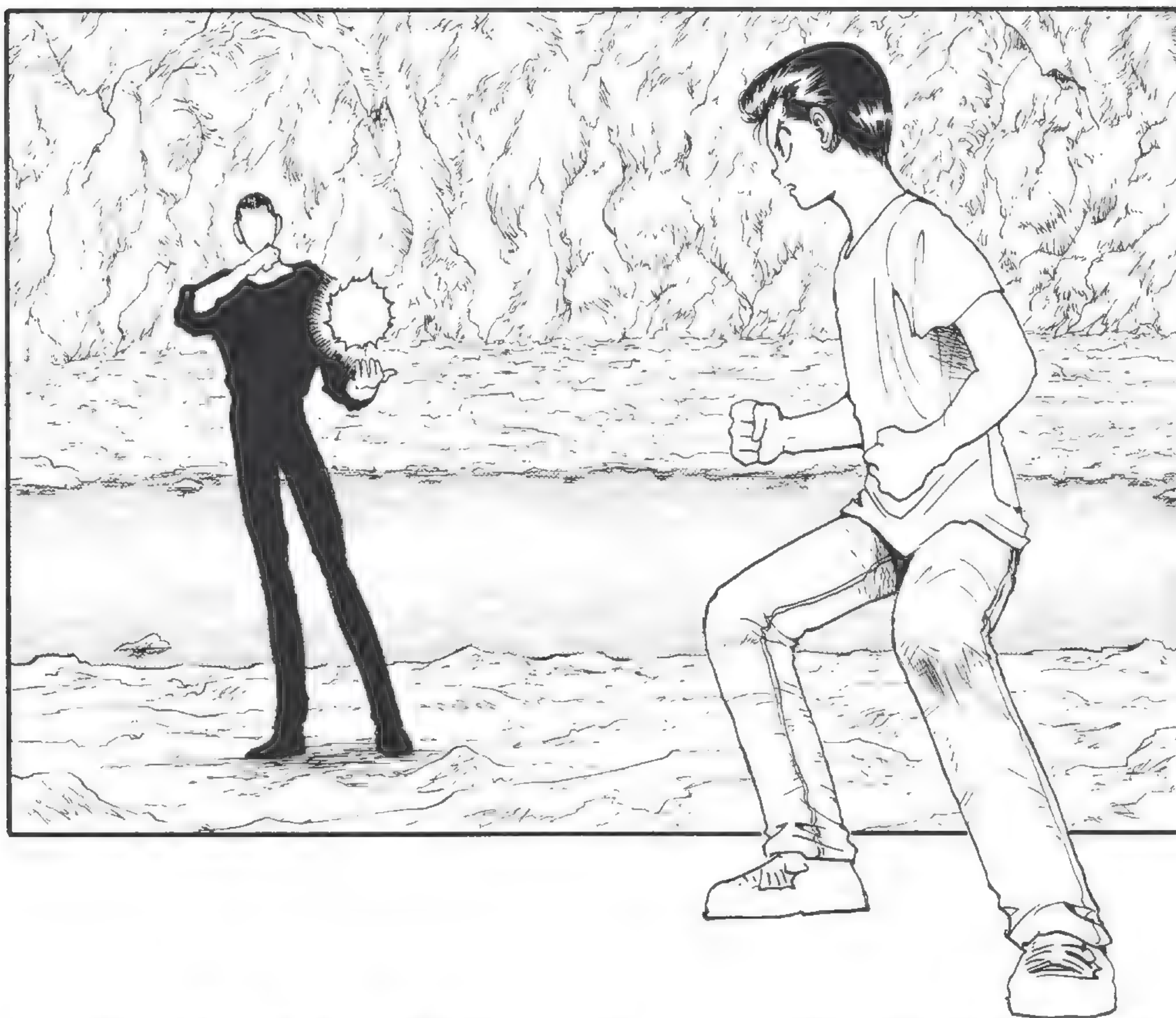


**SUCH
SPEED!!**



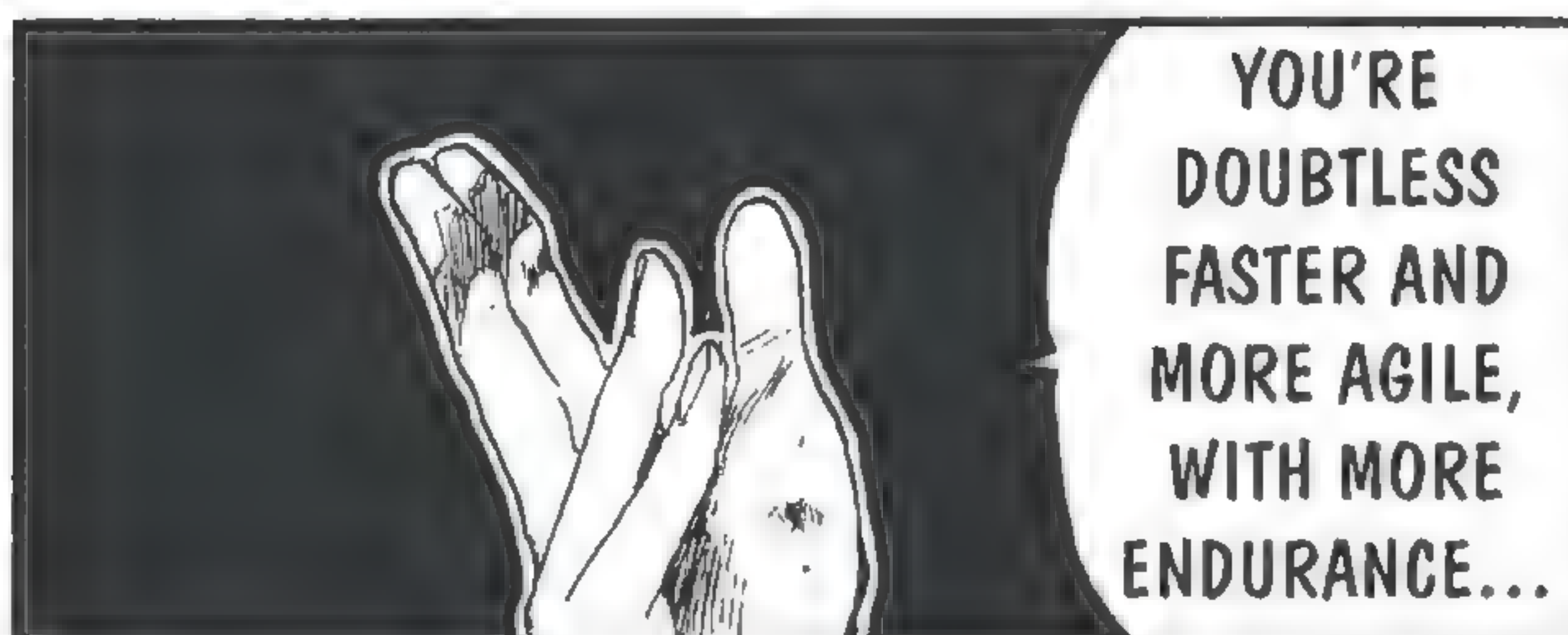


REASONS HE CAN'T WIN, NOS. 1-3!!

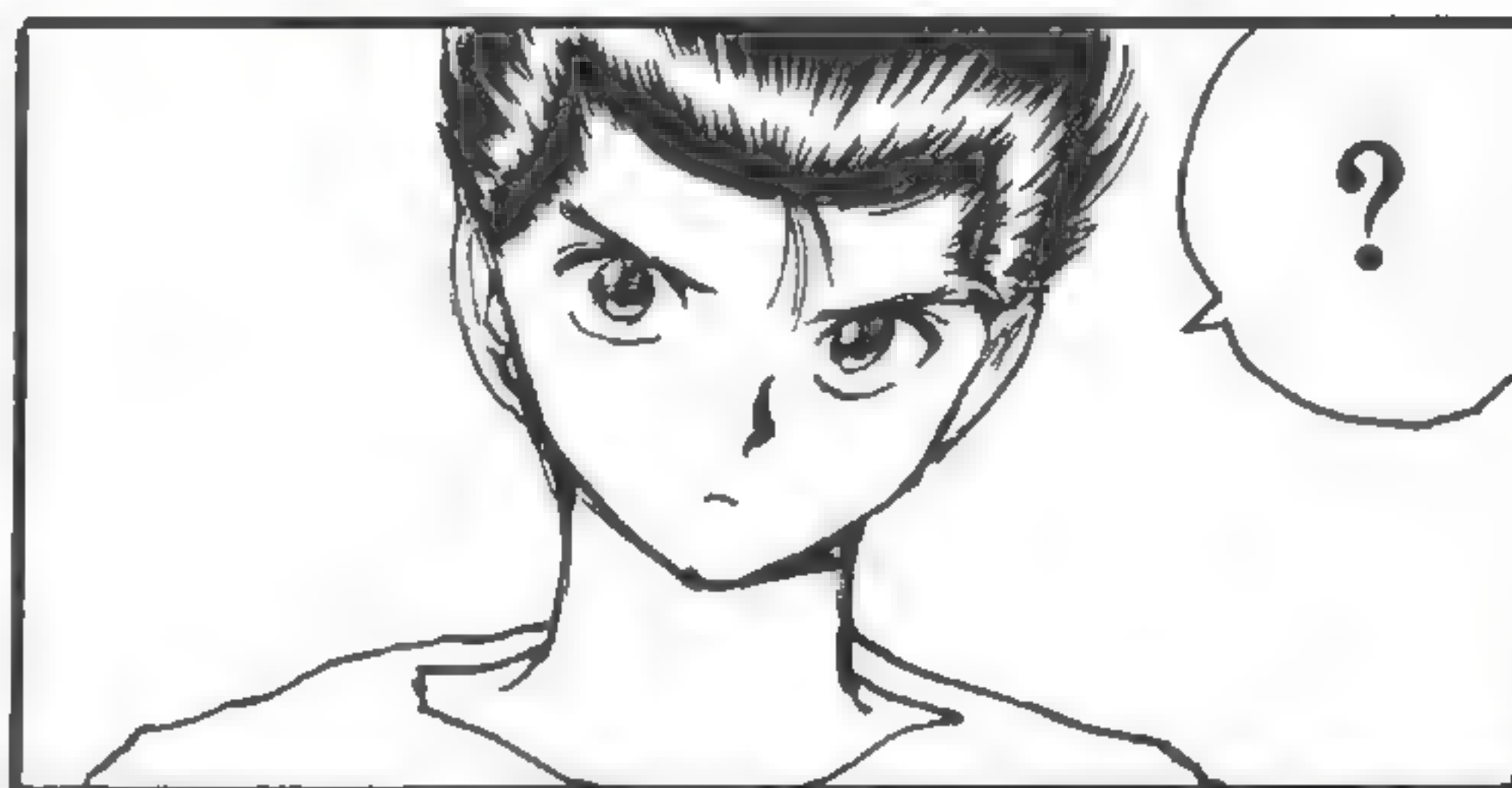




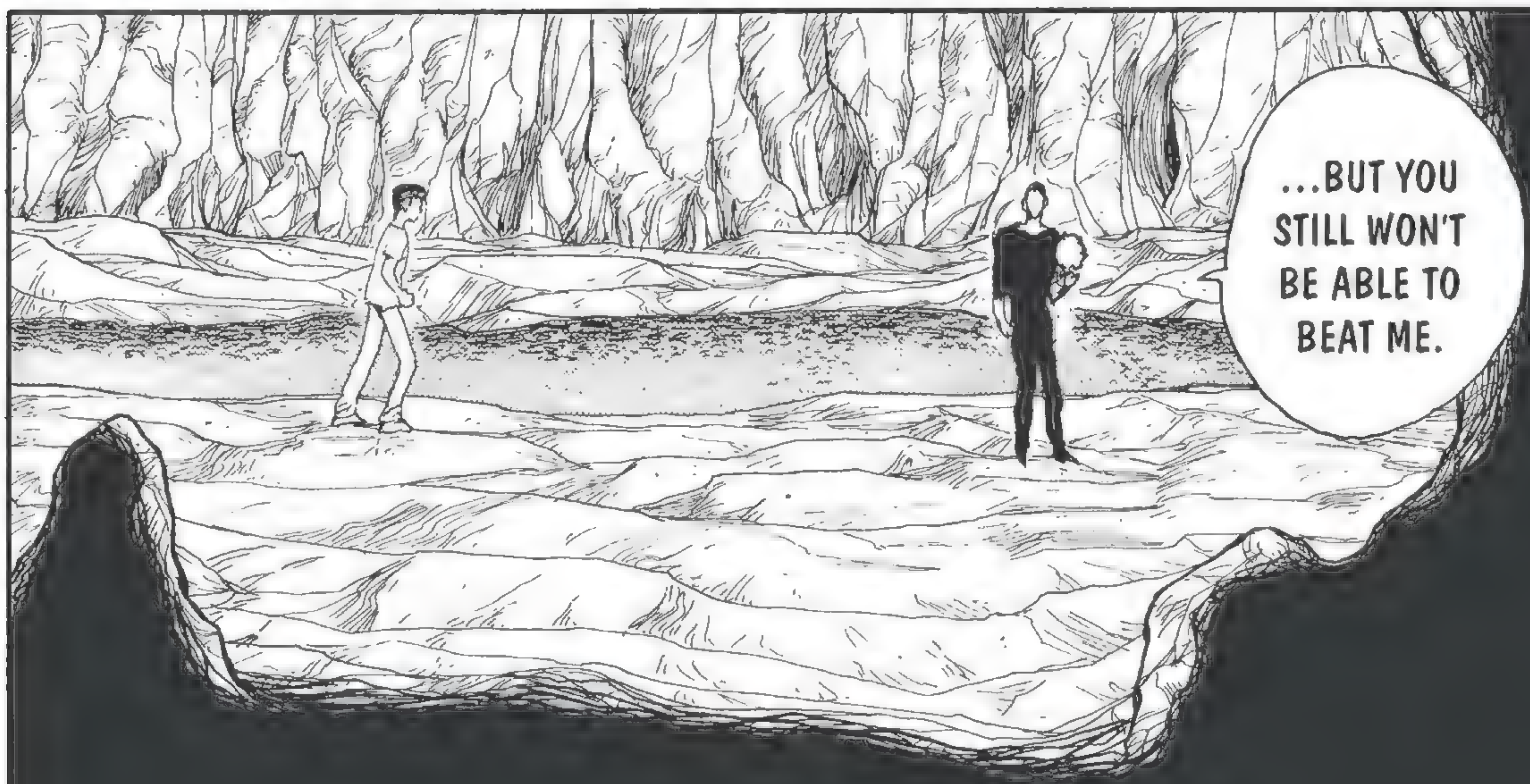
URAMESHI...
ON A POWER
SCALE OF ONE TO
TEN, YOU'RE A
TEN. ME, I'M JUST
A SIX OR SEVEN.



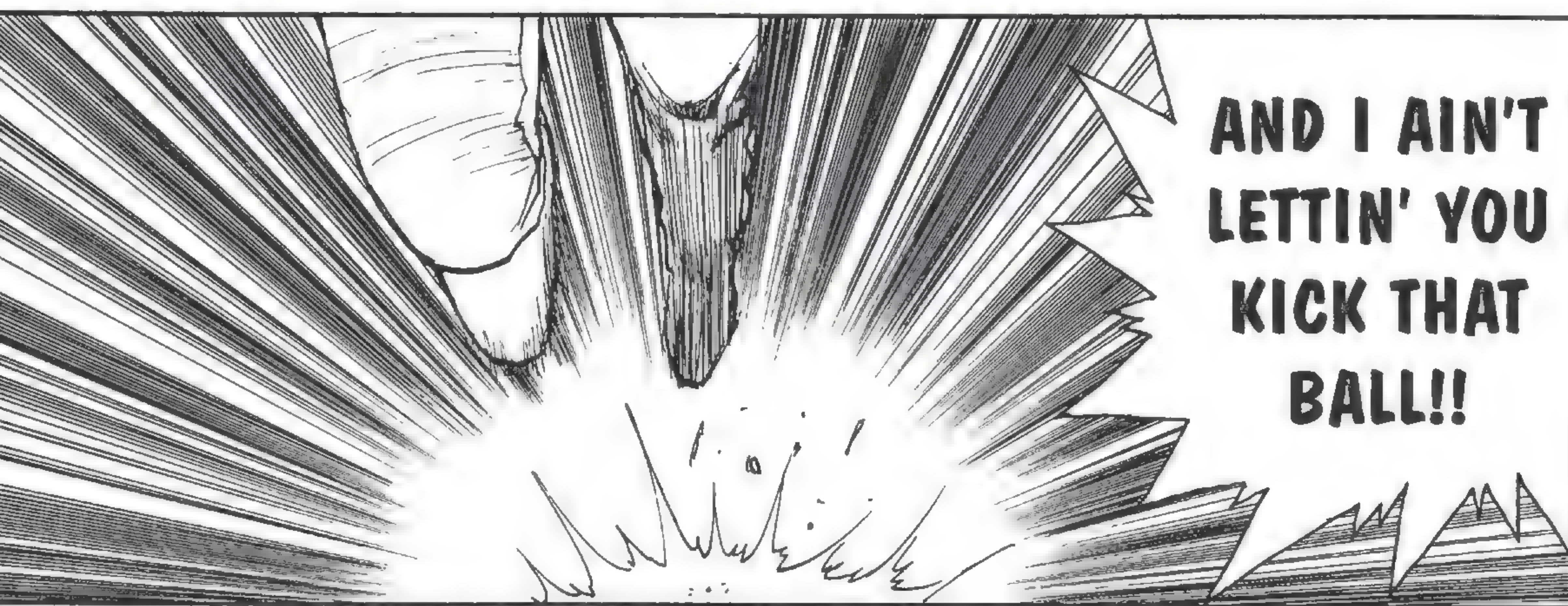
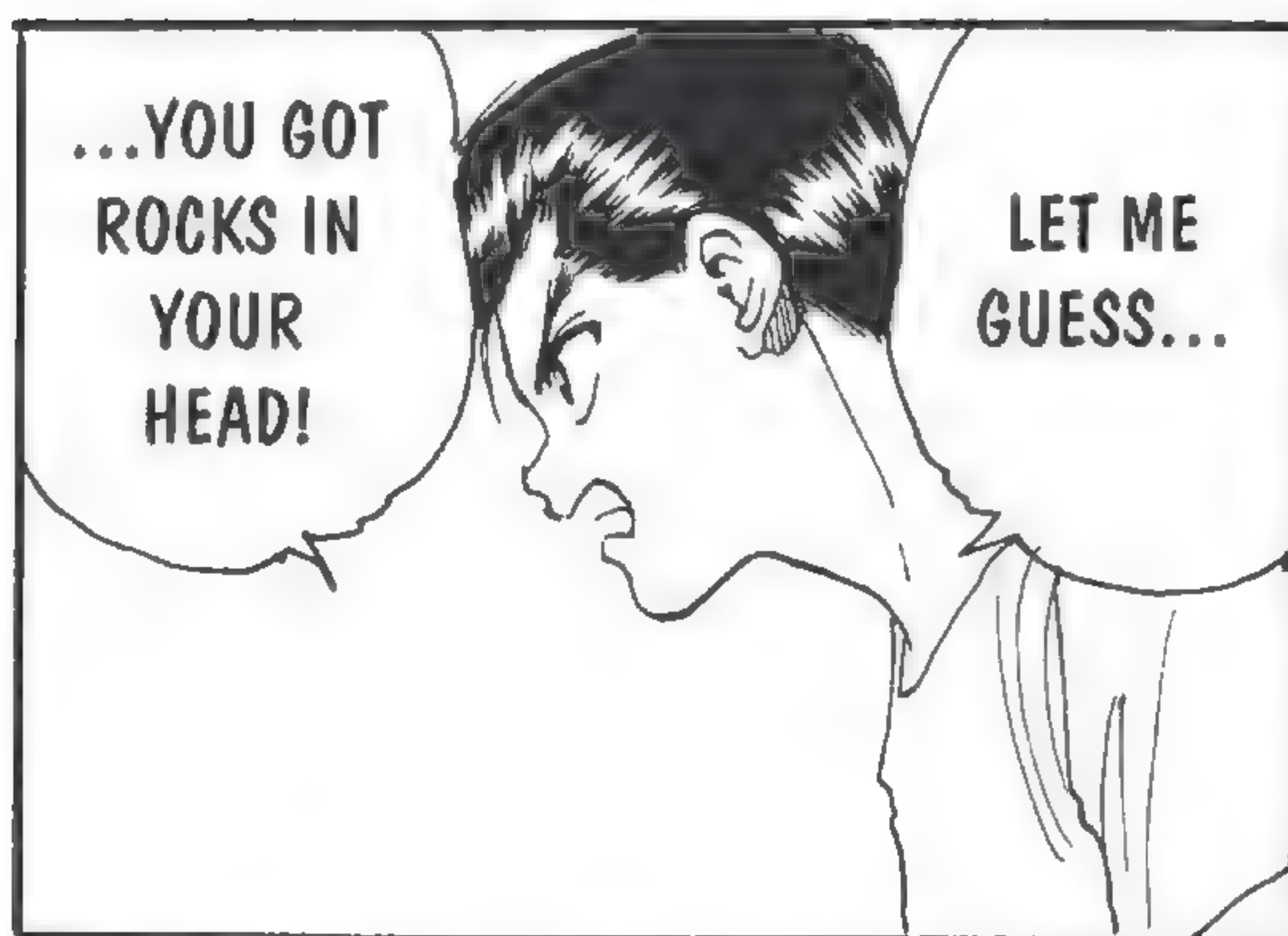
YOU'RE
DOUBTLESS
FASTER AND
MORE AGILE,
WITH MORE
ENDURANCE...

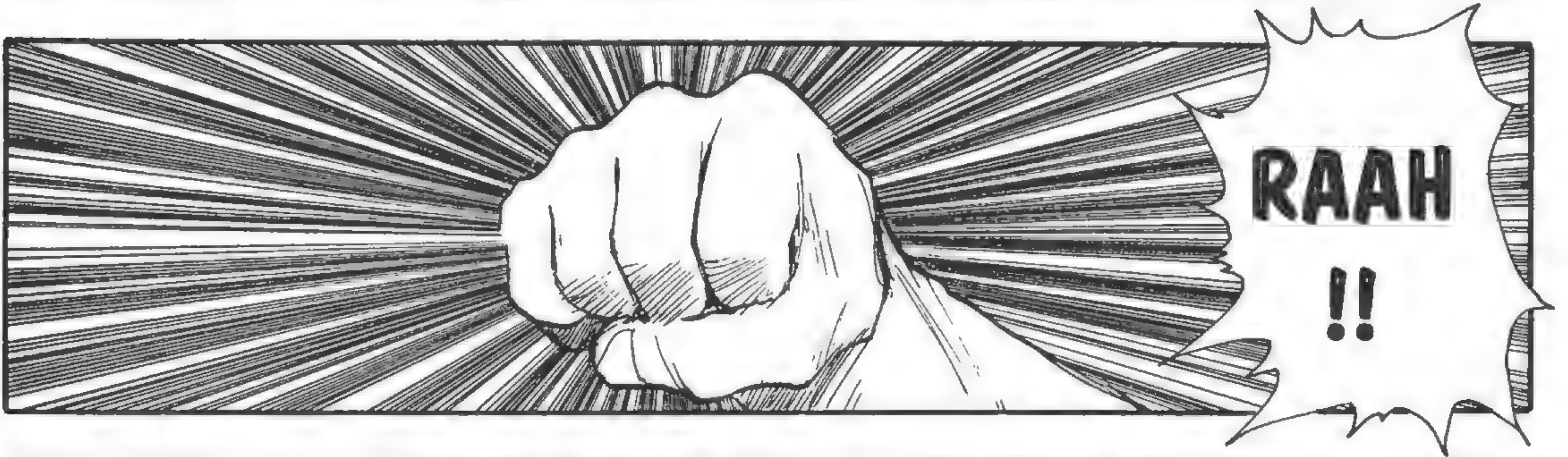


?



...BUT YOU
STILL WON'T
BE ABLE TO
BEAT ME.







IF I'M FASTER,
HOW COME YOU
CAN FEND OFF
MY PUNCHES?

YOU LIE
LIKE A
DOG!!



HRN!



EVEN
WHEN YOU
SURPRISE
ME, AS YOU
DID AT
FIRST...

I HAVE
INSTINCTS
HONED BY A
LIFETIME OF
FIGHTING
DEMONS.

...MY INSTINCTS
KICK IN AND
TRIGGER
RESPONSES I'M NO
LONGER EVEN FULLY
AWARE OF.



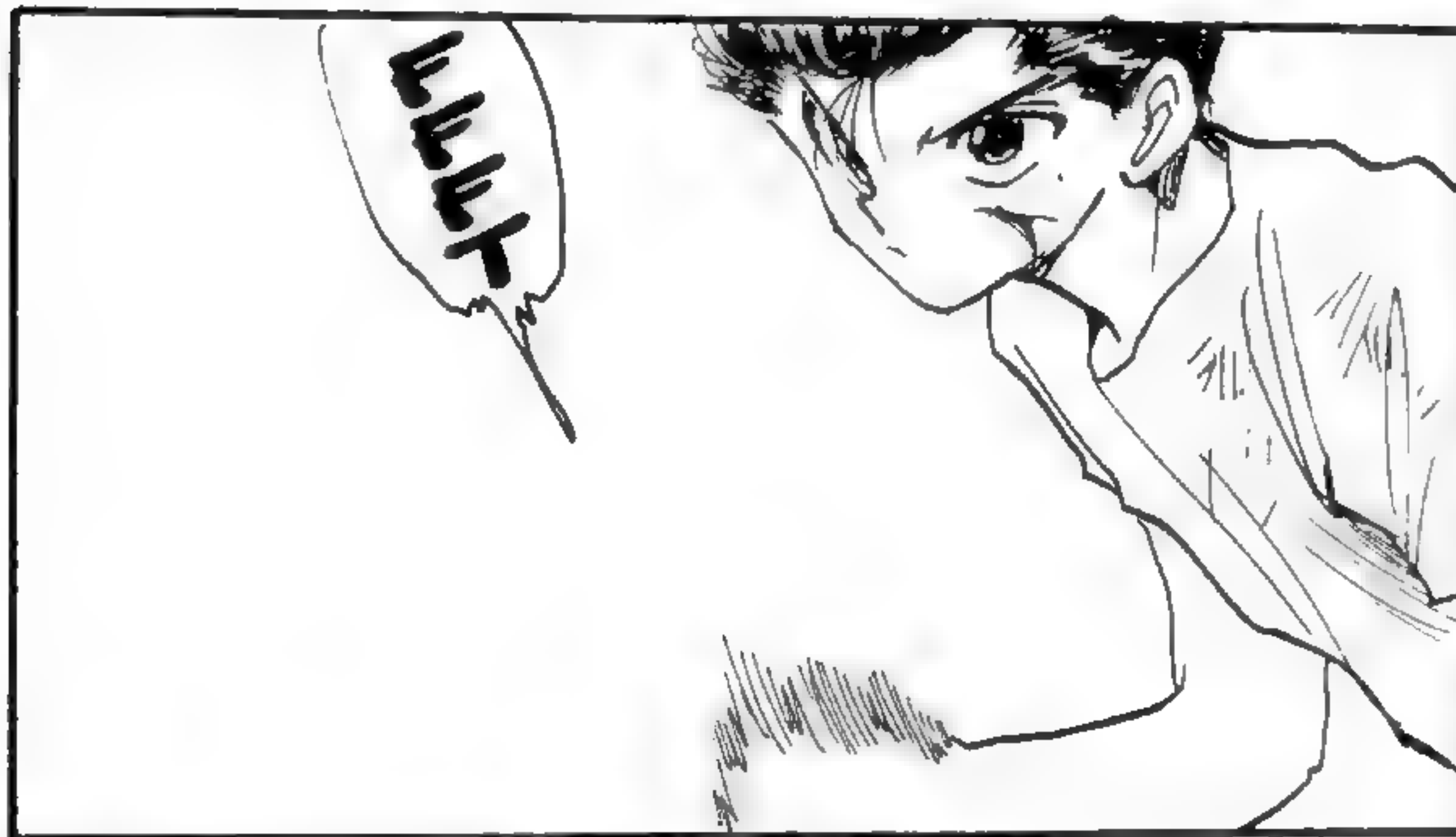
...I CAN
VAGUELY
FORESEE YOUR
IMPENDING
MOVES.

REASON
ONE WHY
YOU CAN'T
BEAT ME...



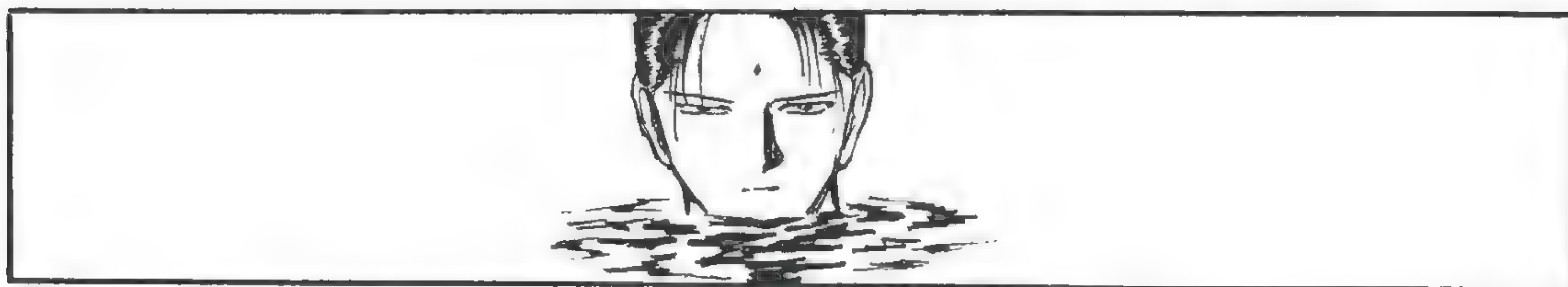
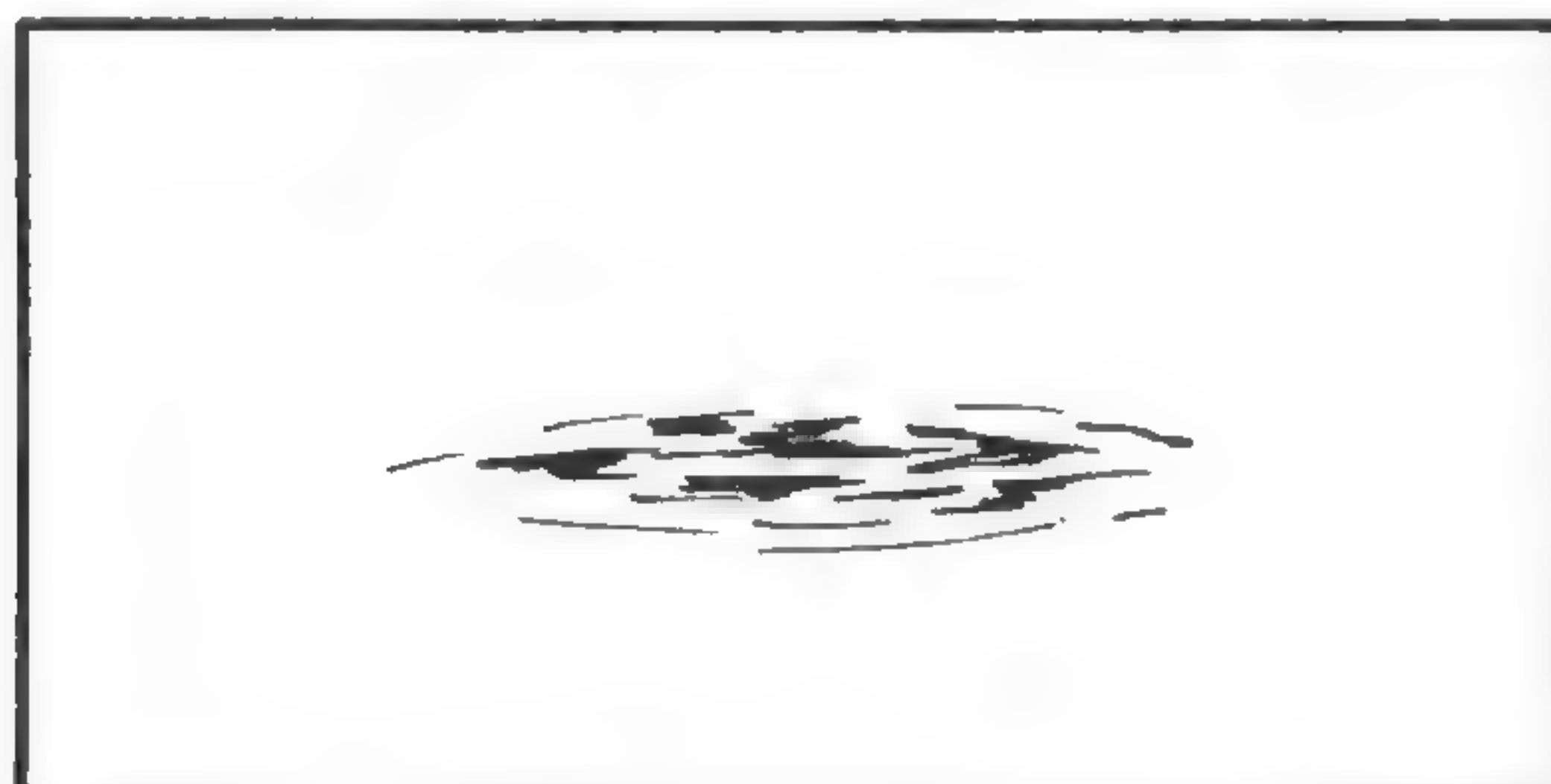
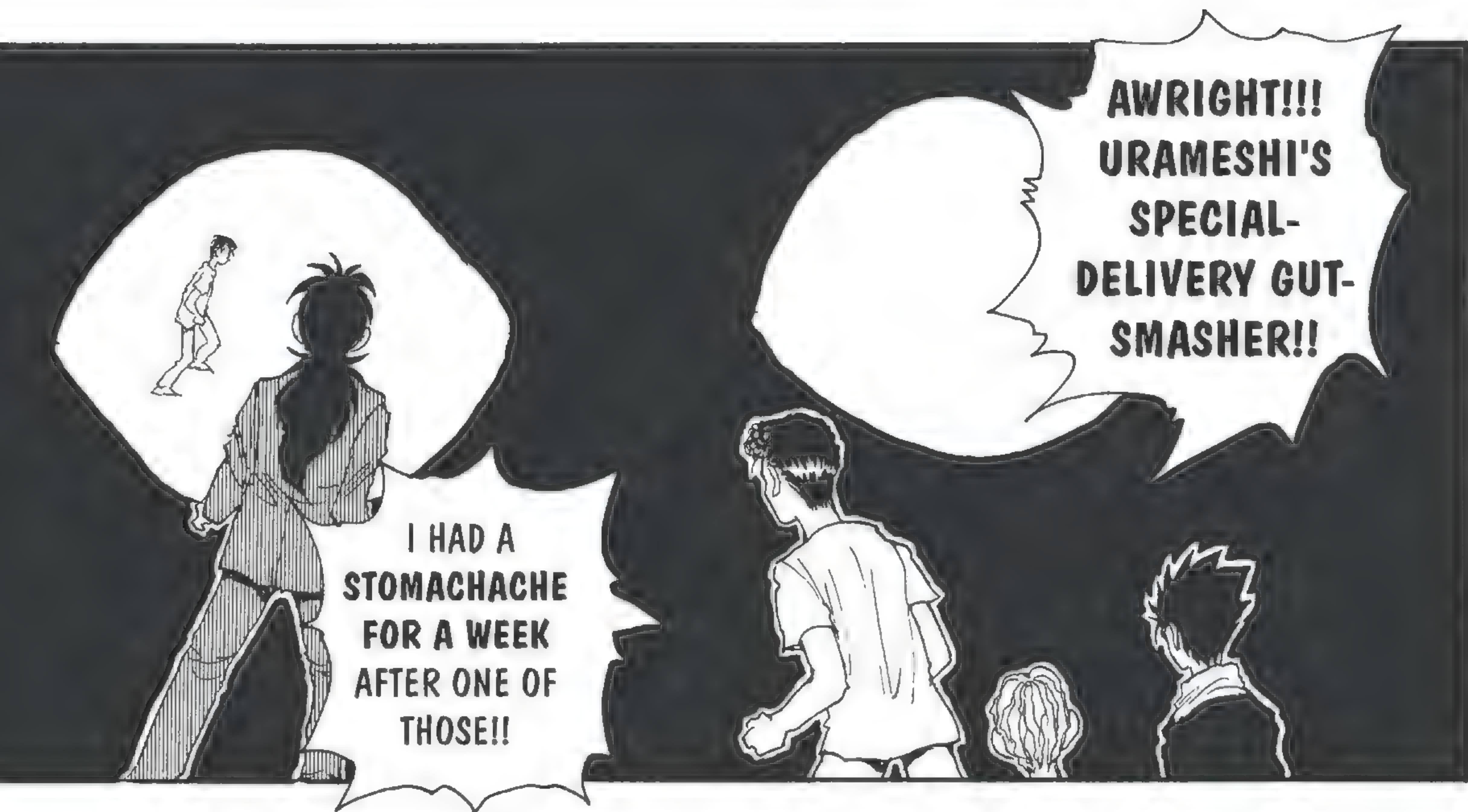
START
MAKING
SENSE,
DUDE!!

WHATCHA
MEAN
"VAGUELY"?!











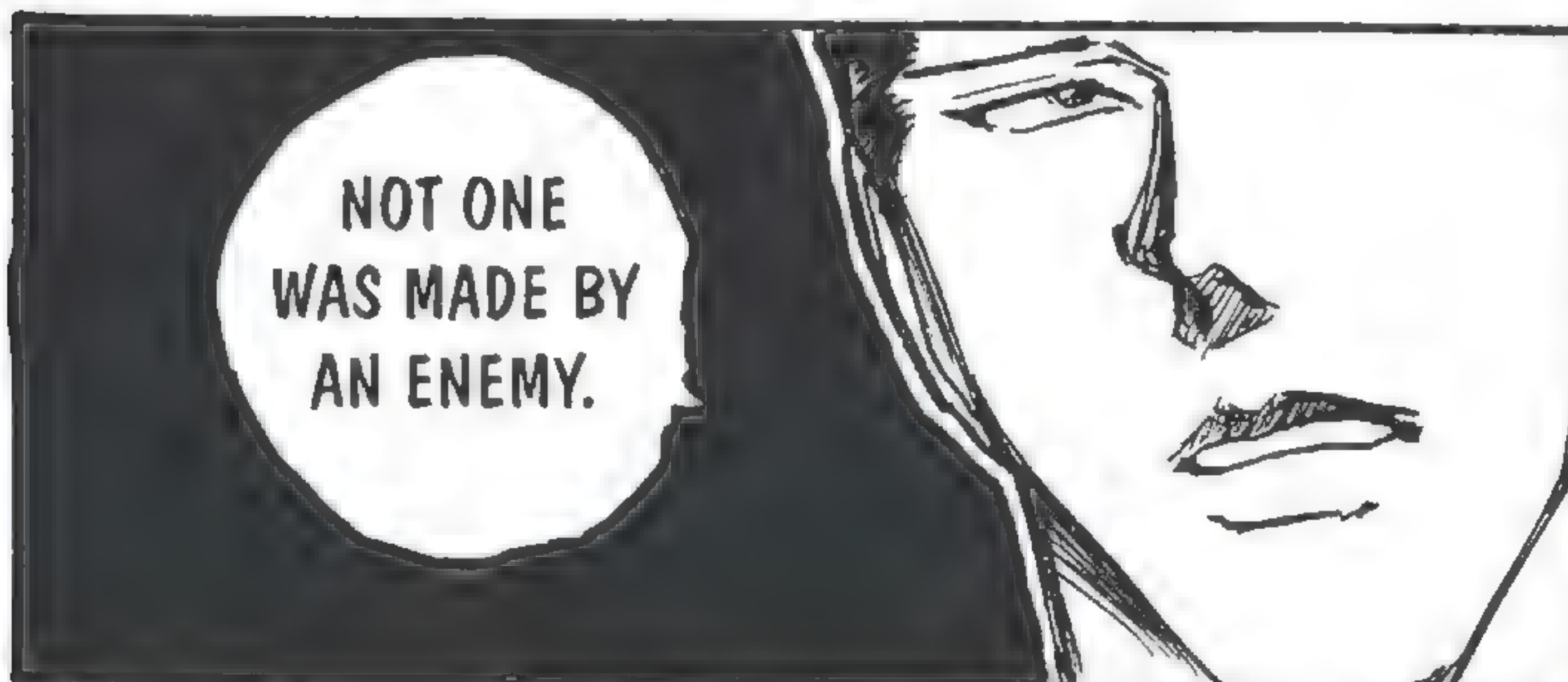
HE'S
REALLY BEEN
THROUGH THE
GRINDER!

MAN!
CHECK
THOSE
SCARS!



...THESE
SCARS CAME
OUT OF
TRAINING.

NO,
KUWABARA
...

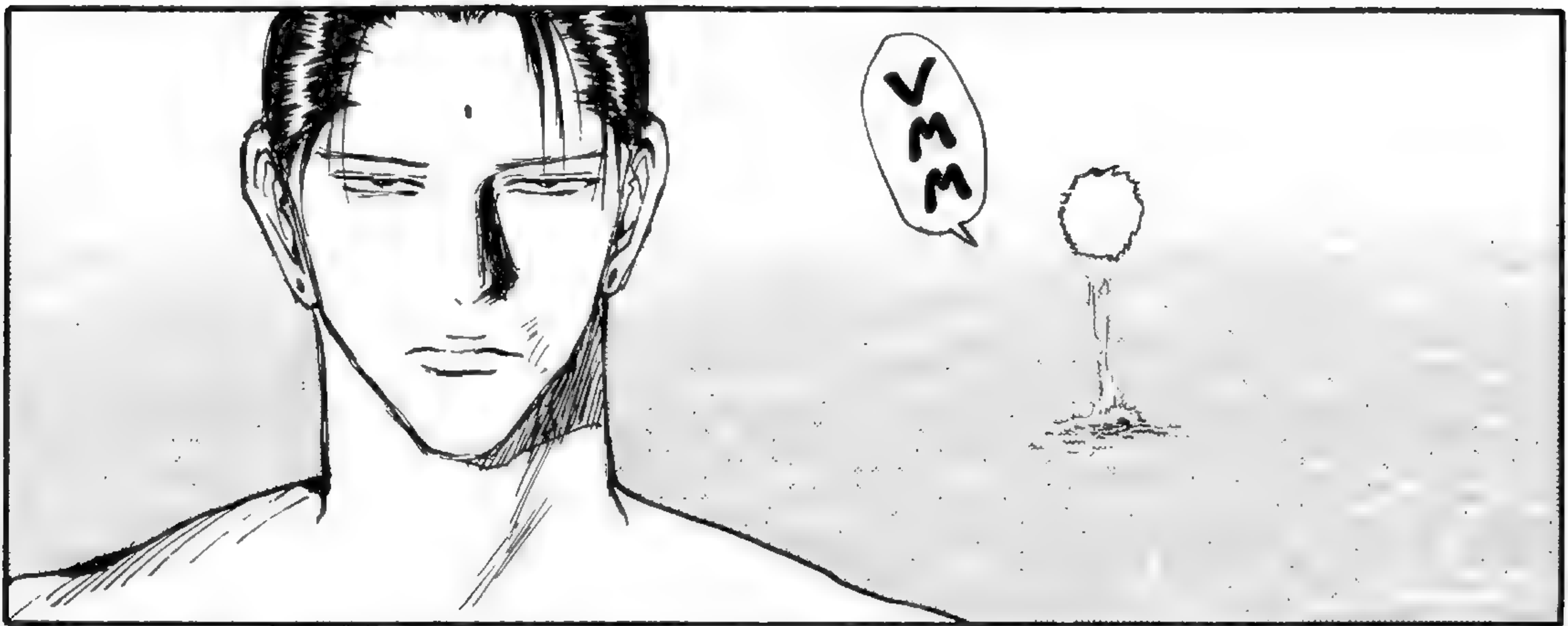


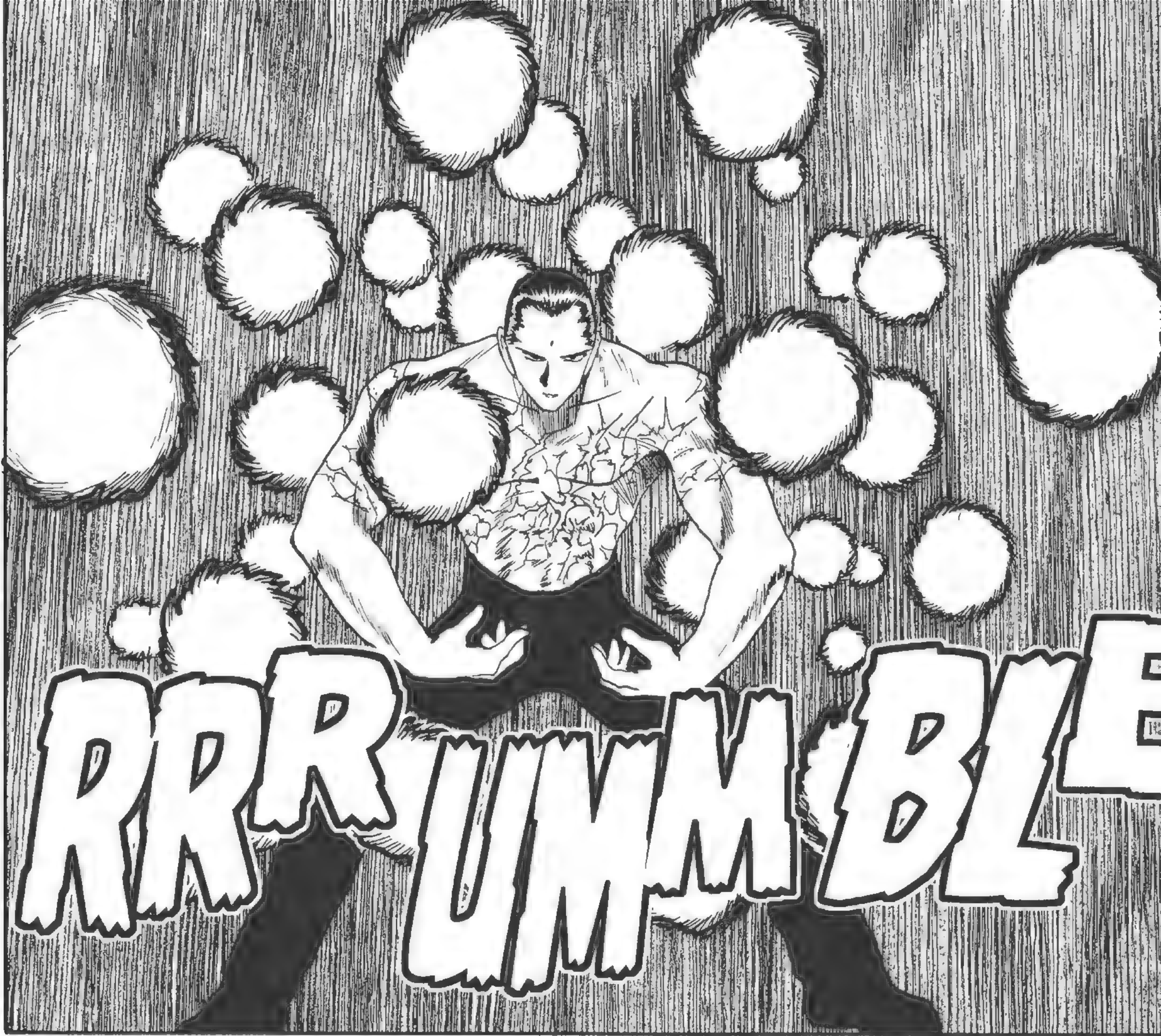
NOT ONE
WAS MADE BY
AN ENEMY.



IT WAS
LIKE
HITTING A
STEEL-
BELTED
RADIAL!

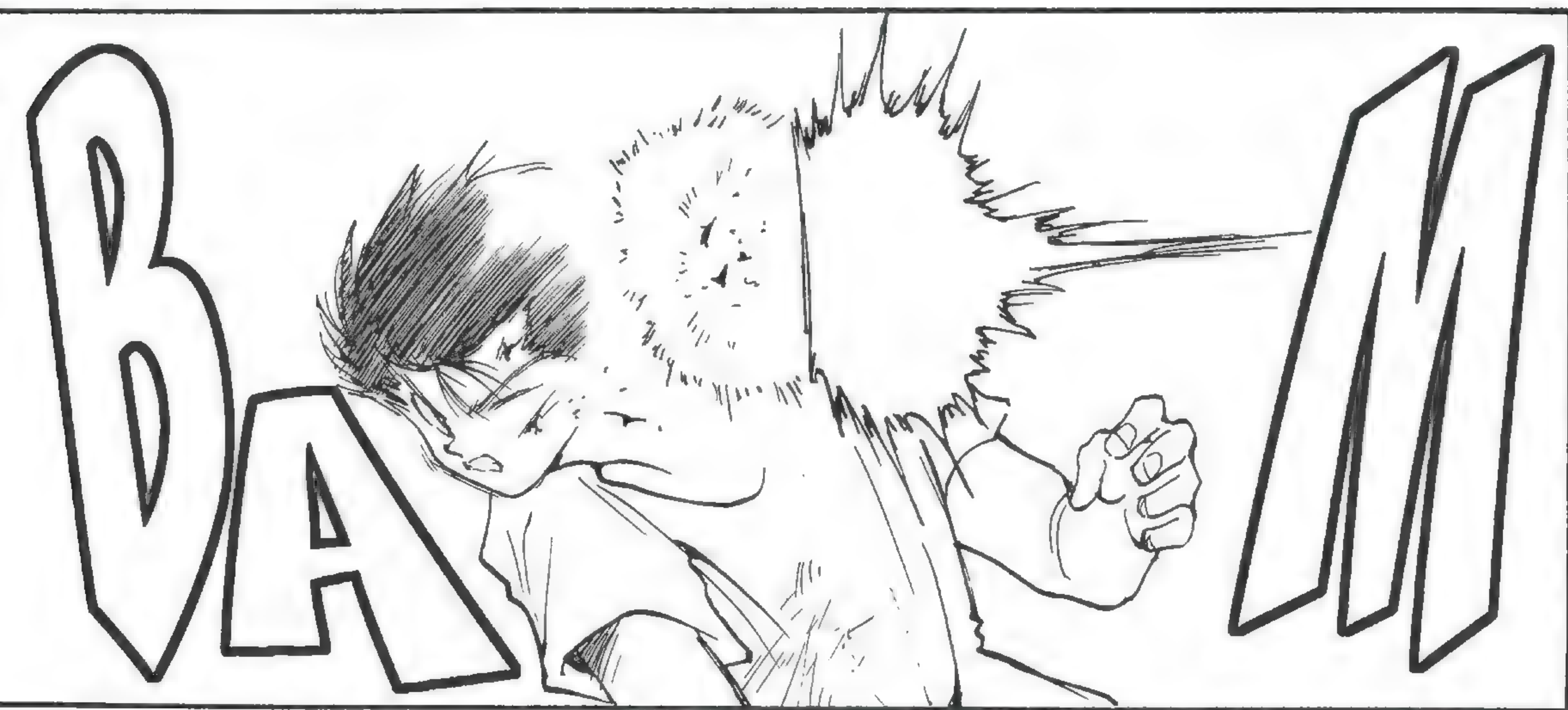
HE'S
BUILT
TOUGH!

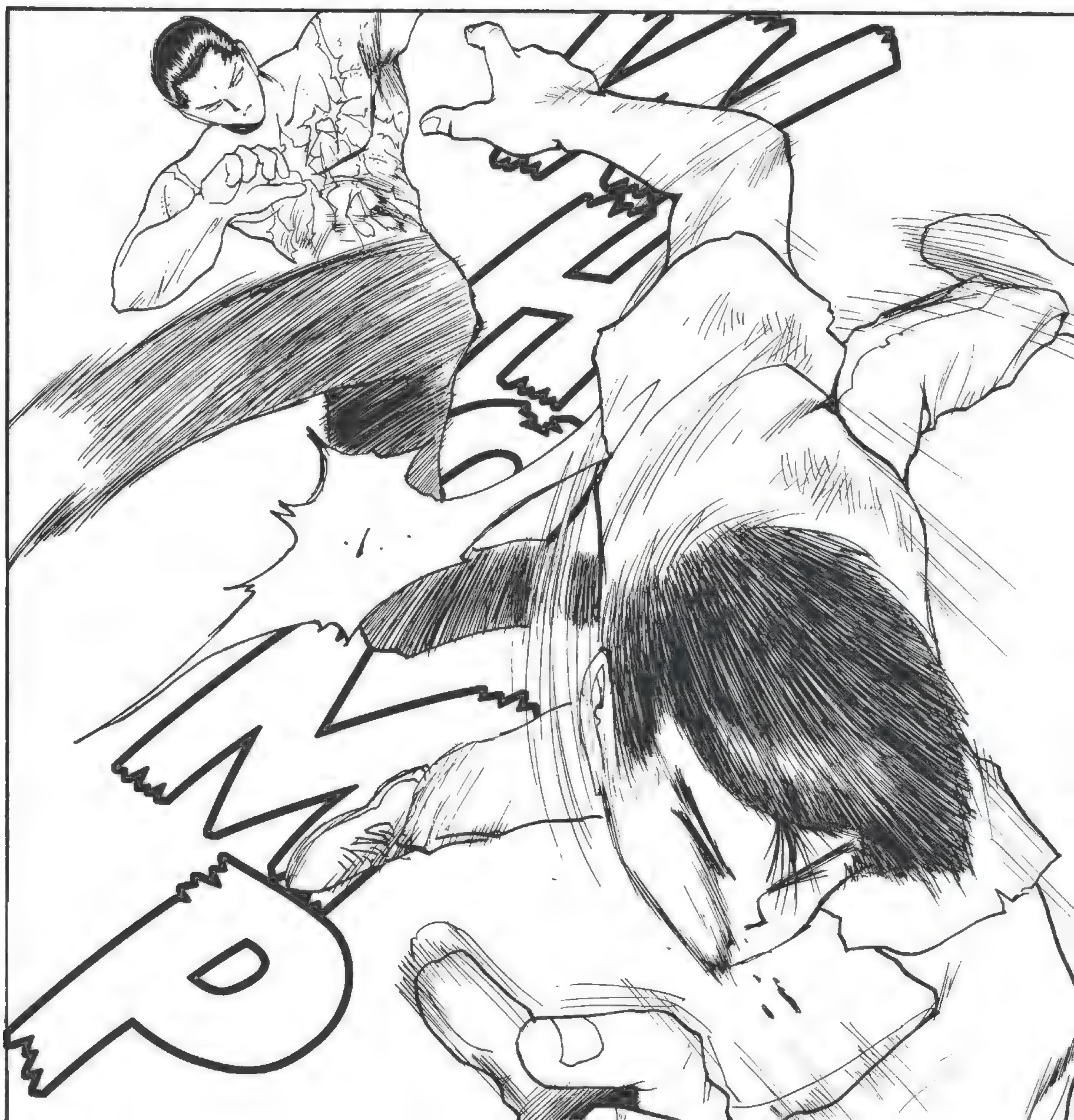




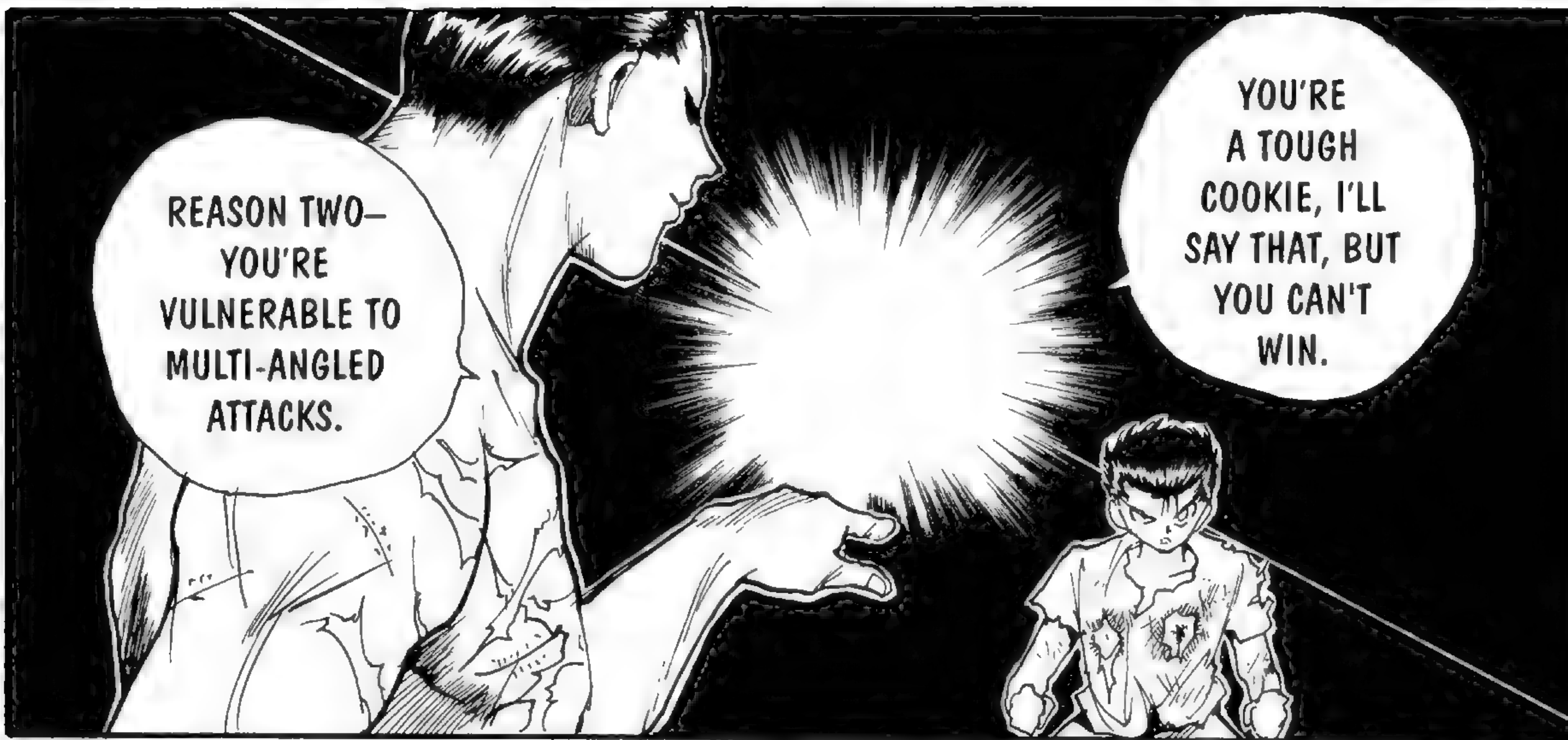












REASON TWO—
YOU'RE
VULNERABLE TO
MULTI-ANGLED
ATTACKS.

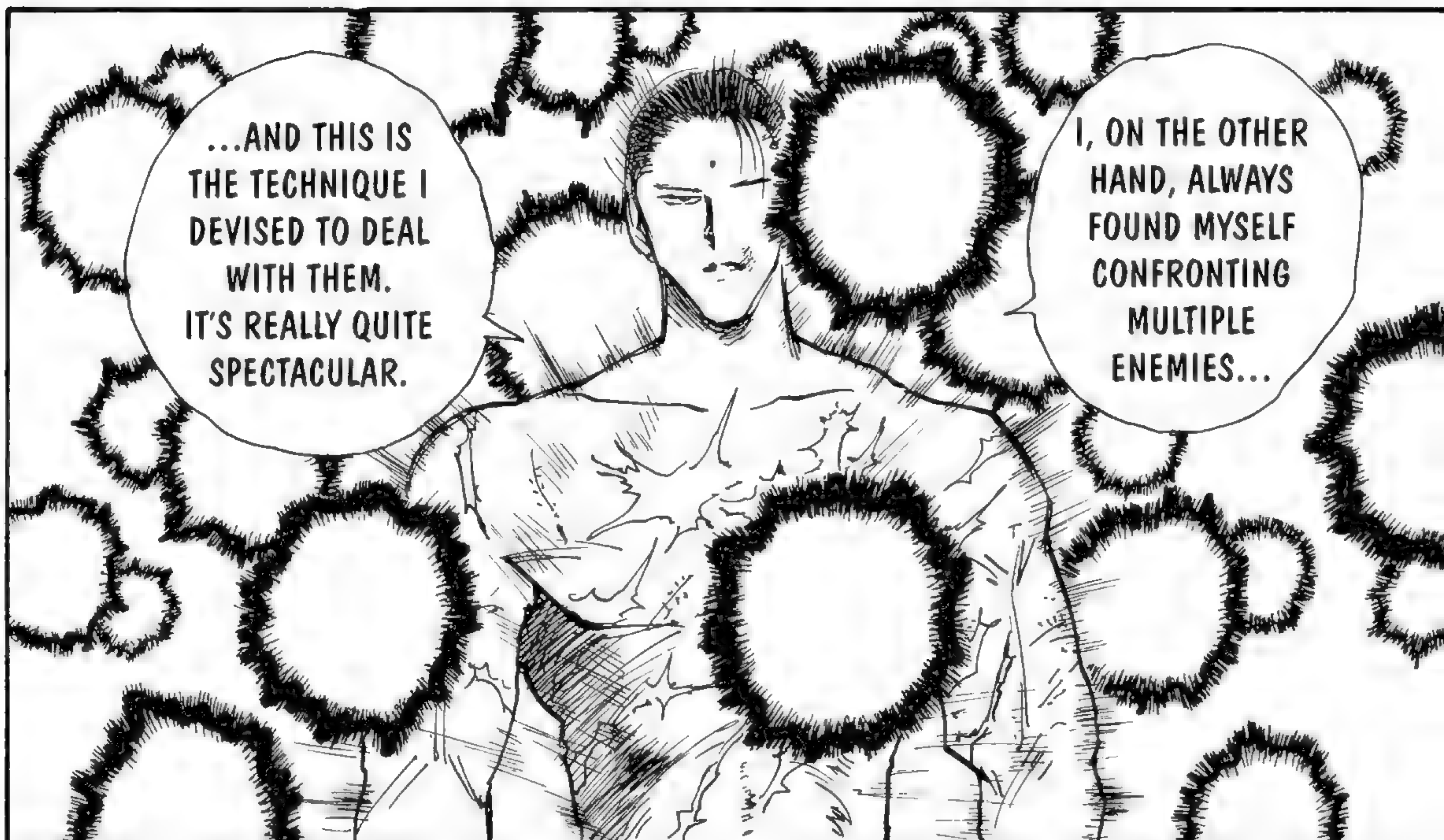
YOU'RE
A TOUGH
COOKIE, I'LL
SAY THAT, BUT
YOU CAN'T
WIN.



YOU'RE FAR
TOO USED TO
FIGHTING
ONE-ON-ONE.

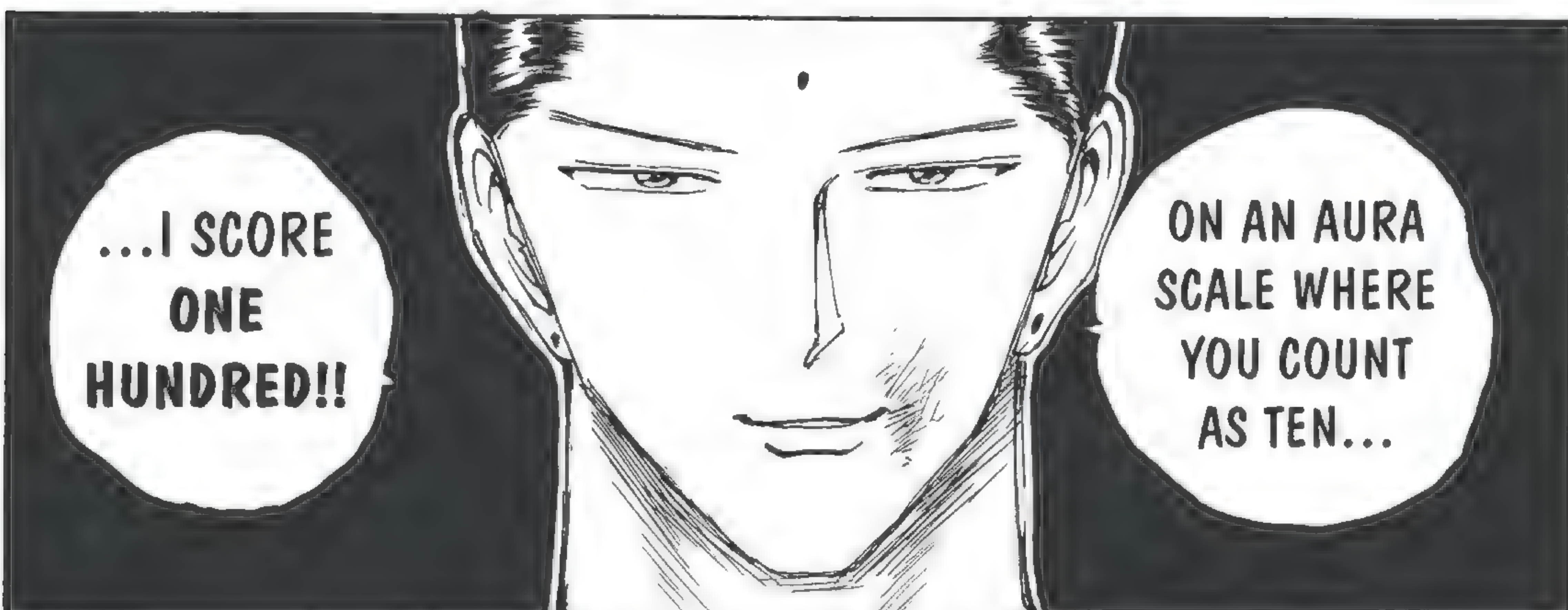
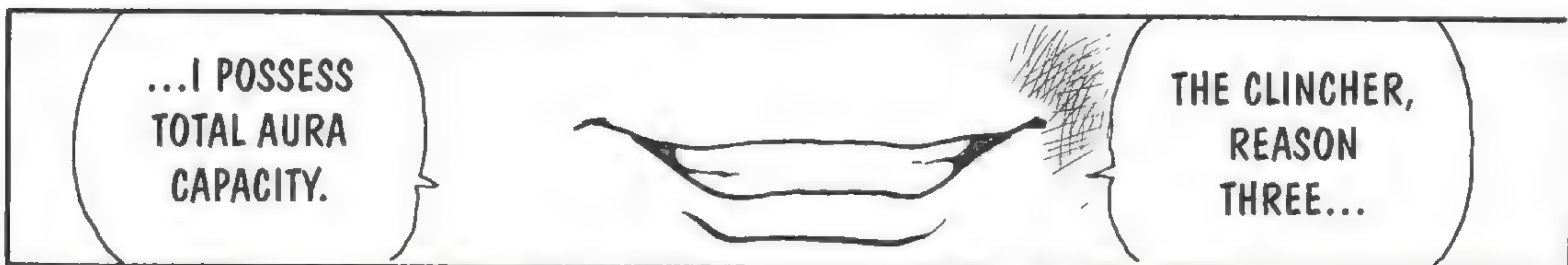


HOW'S
THAT?



...AND THIS IS
THE TECHNIQUE I
DEvised TO DEAL
WITH THEM.
IT'S REALLY QUITE
SPECTACULAR.

I, ON THE OTHER
HAND, ALWAYS
FOUND MYSELF
CONFRONTING
MULTIPLE
ENEMIES...

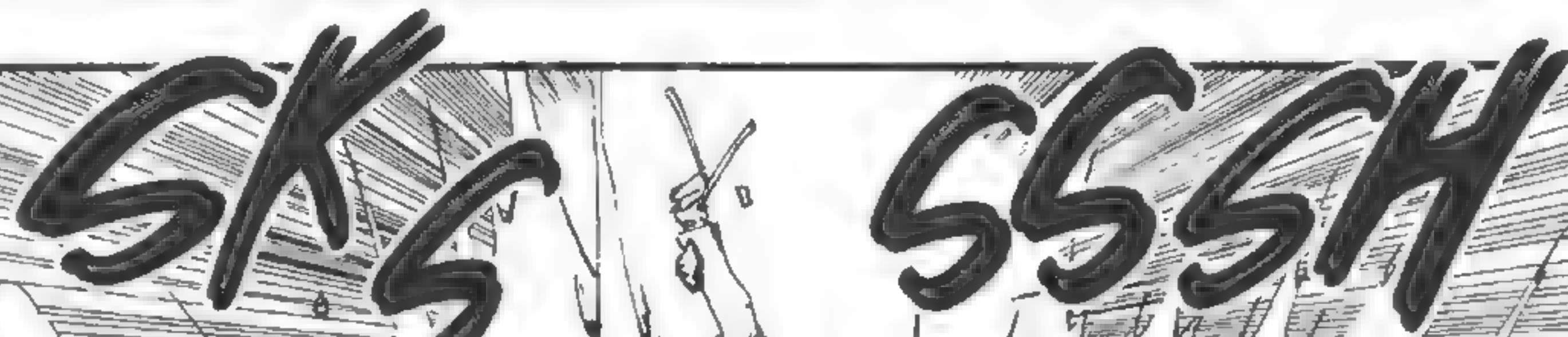




BAM BAM BAM

A black and white manga panel showing a character in a dynamic, action-oriented pose. The character is wearing a light-colored shirt and dark pants, with one arm raised and the other bent. Large, bold, jagged sound effects "BAM BAM BAM" are overlaid on the image, suggesting a fight or a powerful action. The background is filled with jagged lines and small star-like shapes, indicating impact or energy.

SKS SSSH

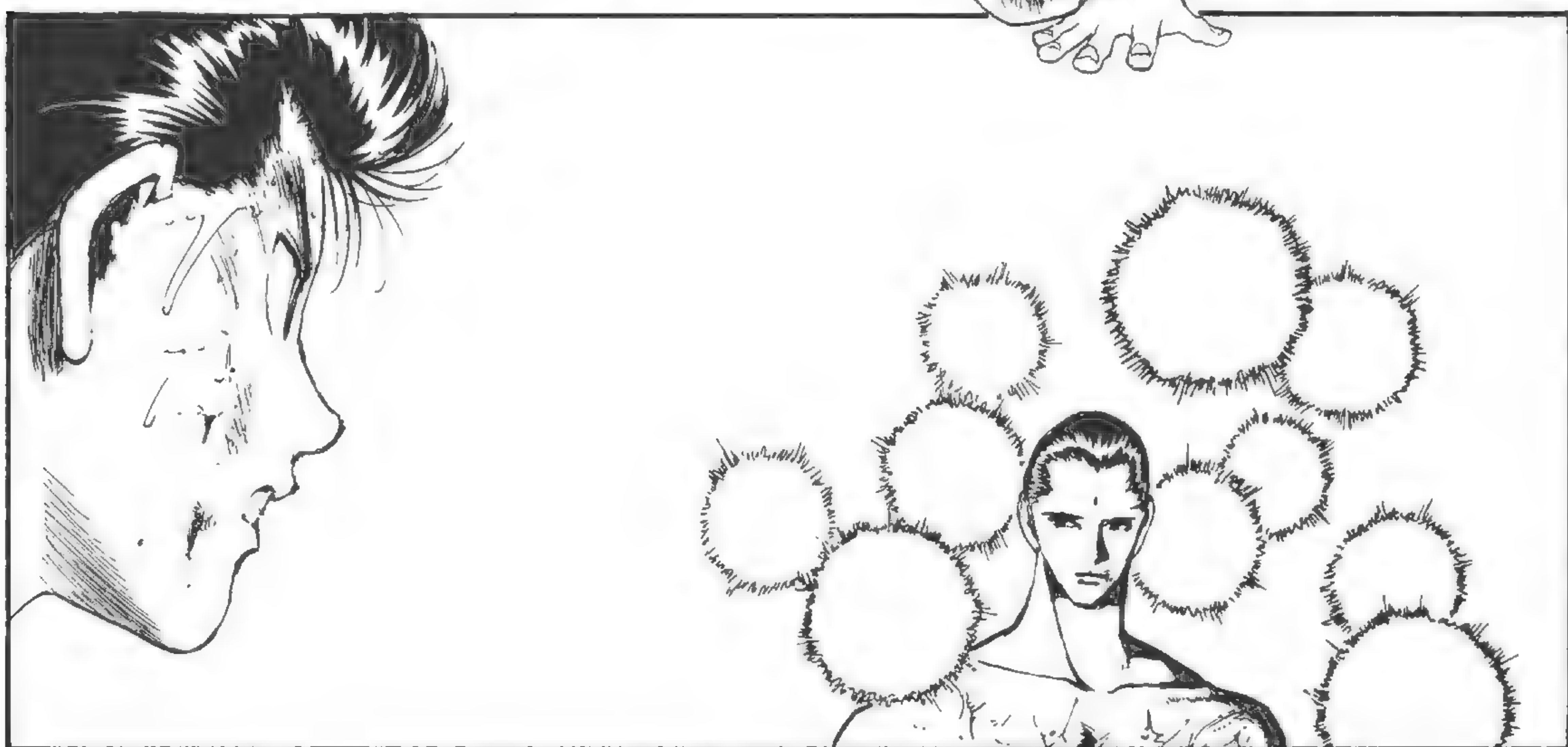
A black and white manga panel featuring large, bold sound effects "SKS SSSH" in a stylized font. The background is filled with motion lines and small, jagged shapes, suggesting a fast-paced action or a series of impacts.

SEE?
YOU CAN'T
DODGE
THEM ALL.

MY
SECOND
AURA
SALVO.

THEY WERE SEVEN!!

THEY WERE SEVEN!!





**GET UP,
URAMESHI!!
GET UP!!
GET UP!!**

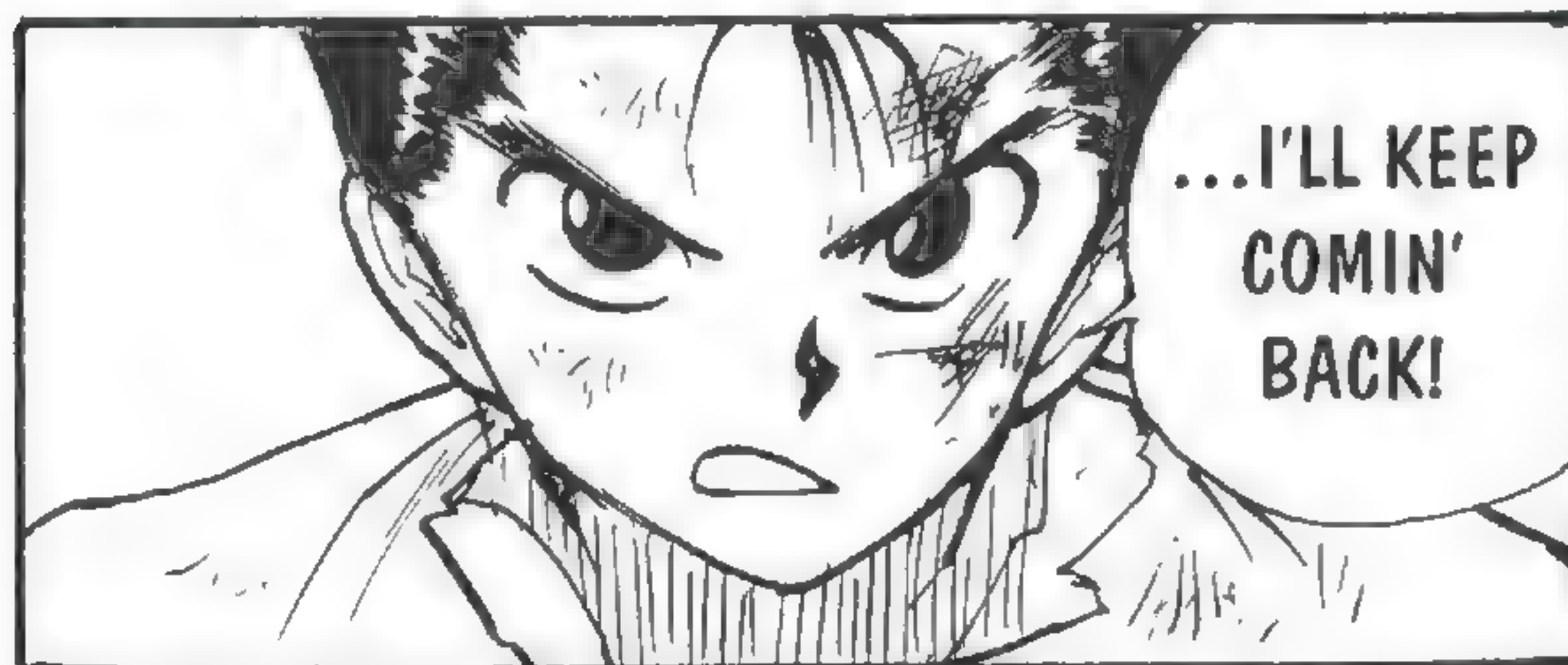


**I AM! DOESN'T
MATTER HOW
MUCH AURA
YOU GOT...**

**READY
FOR
ANOTHER
ROUND?**



**ZIP IT!
I HEARDJA
THE FIRST
TIME!!**

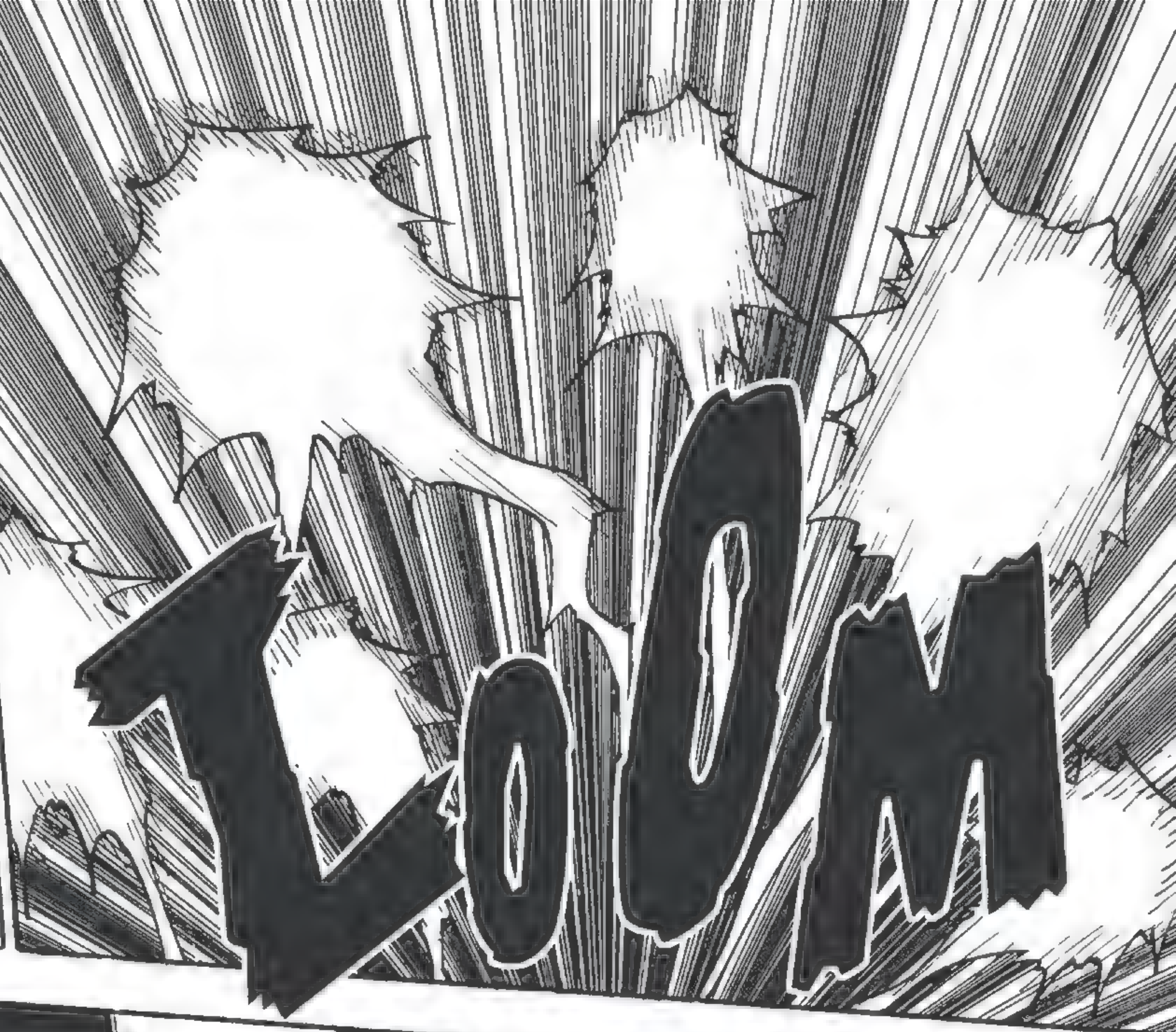


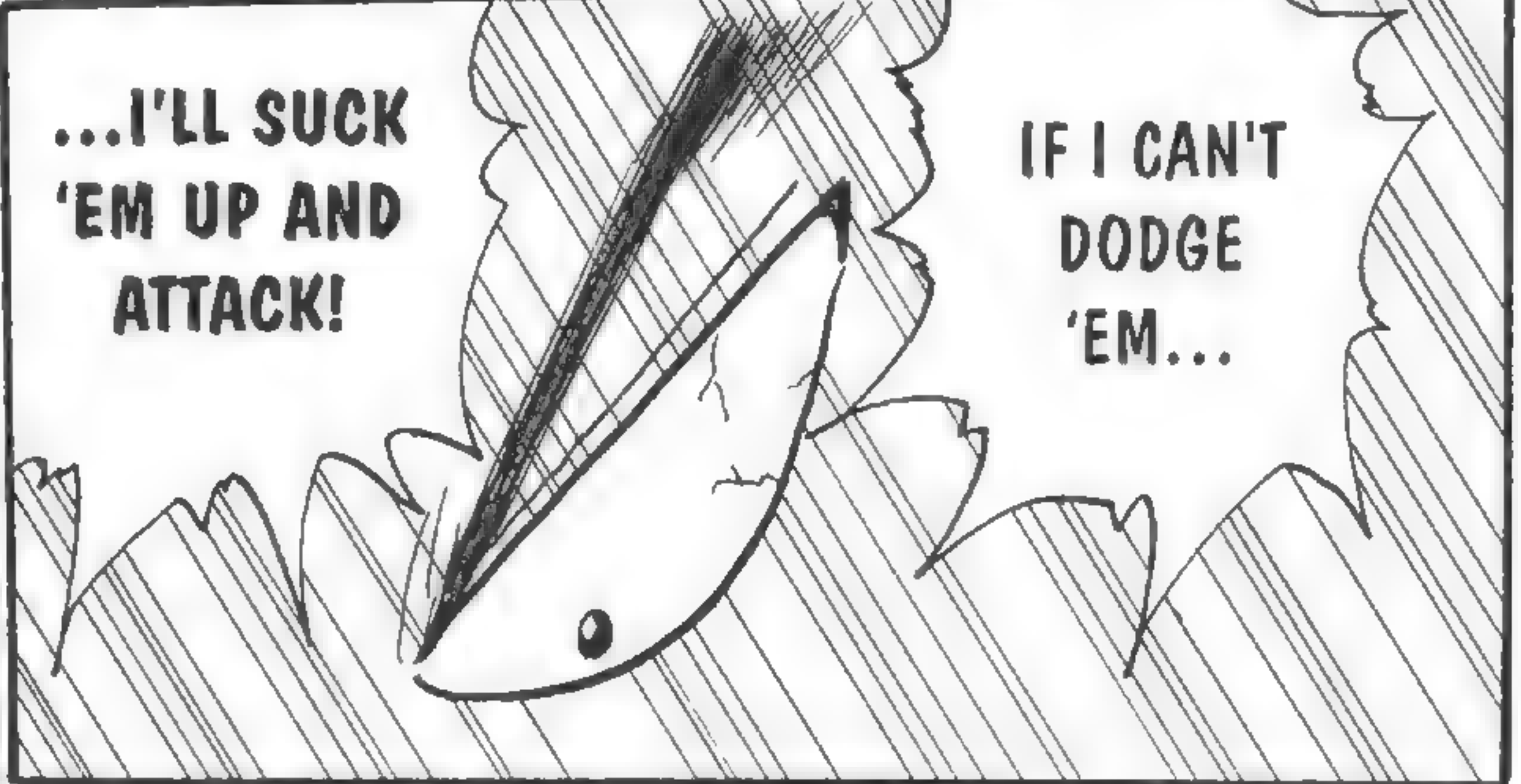
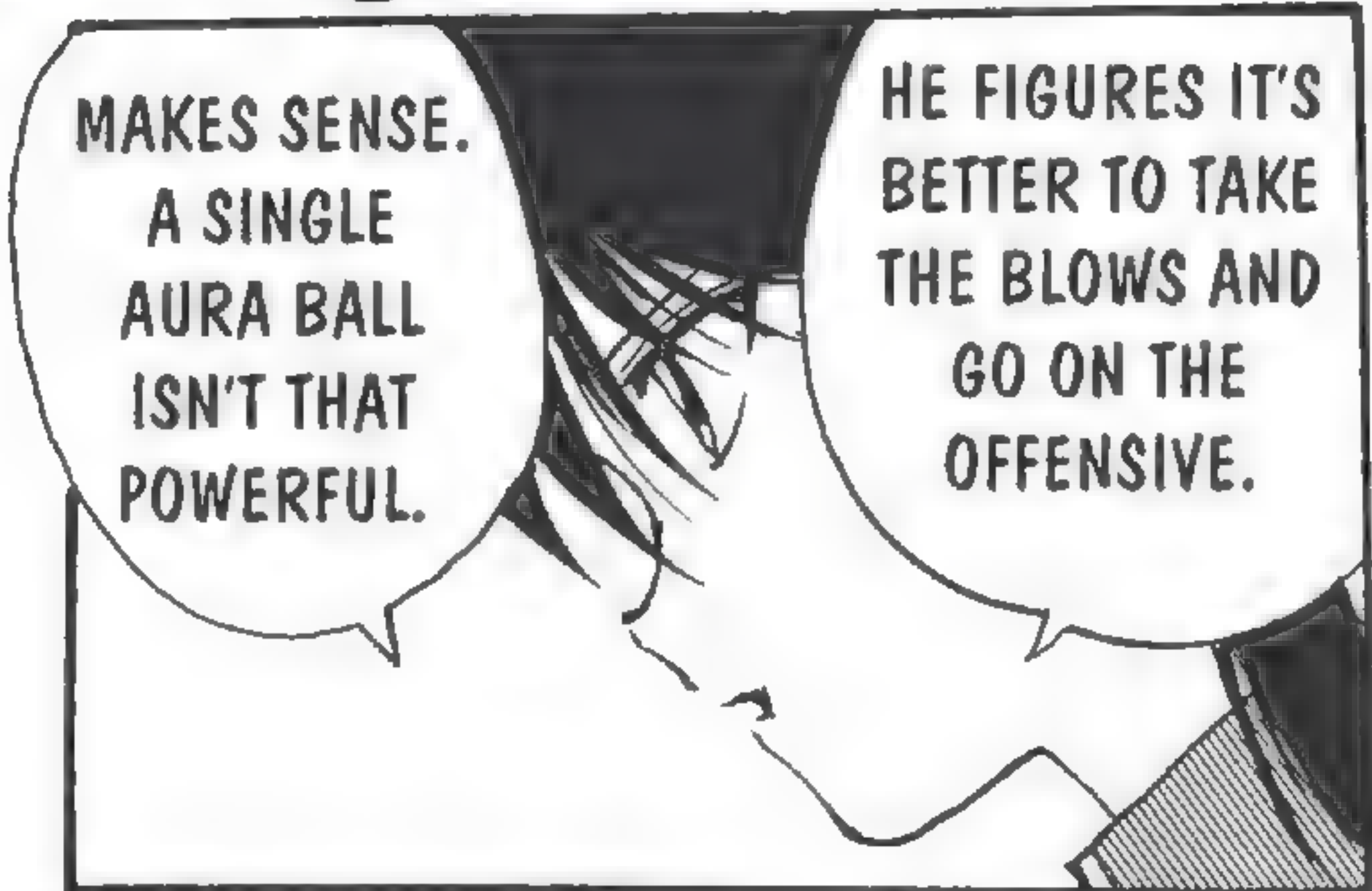
**...I'LL KEEP
COMIN'
BACK!**

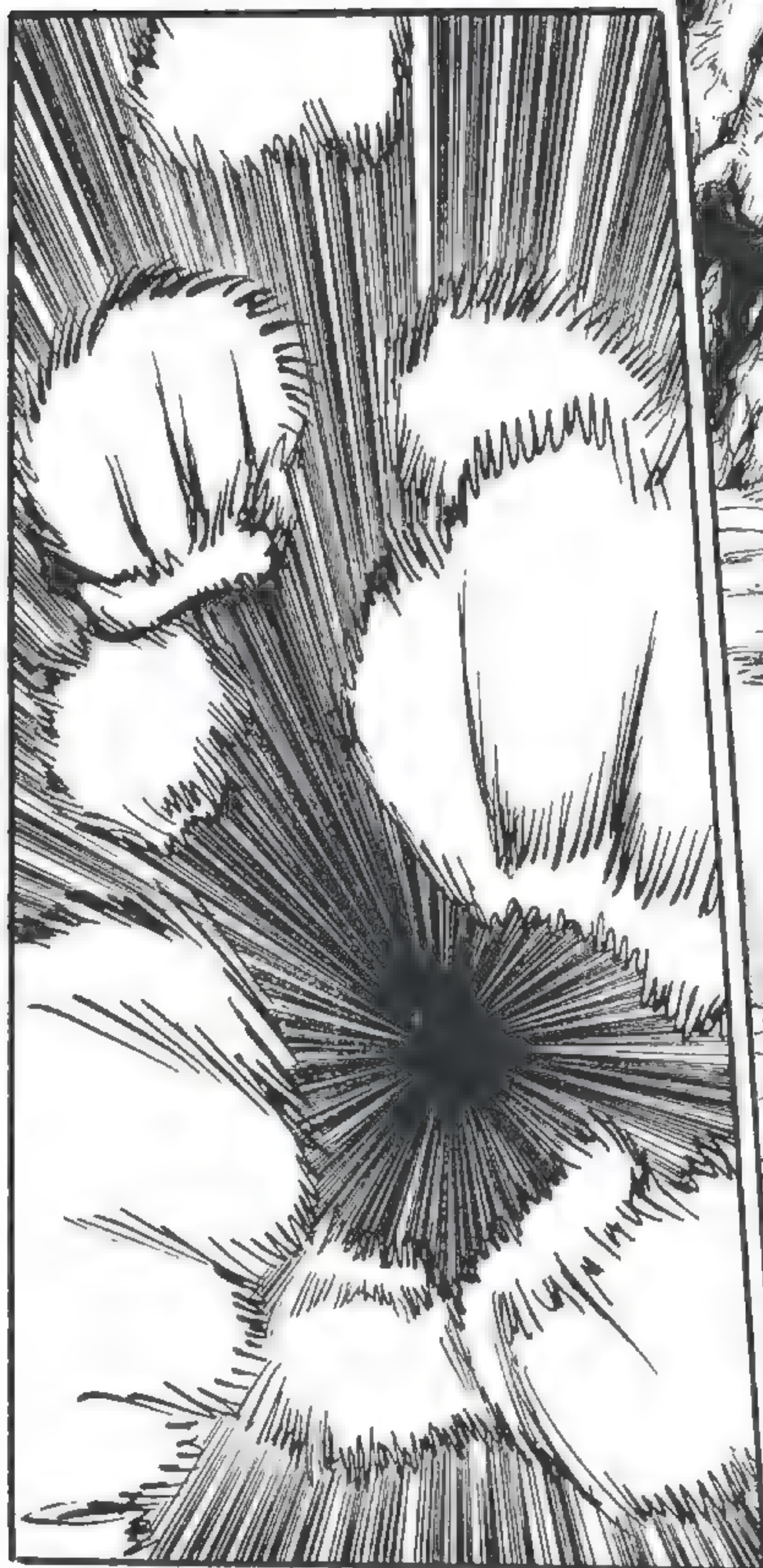


**VIOLET
FLAME
KICK!!**

**I'M
CONVINCED
YOU WILL.
BUT FOR
HOW LONG?**



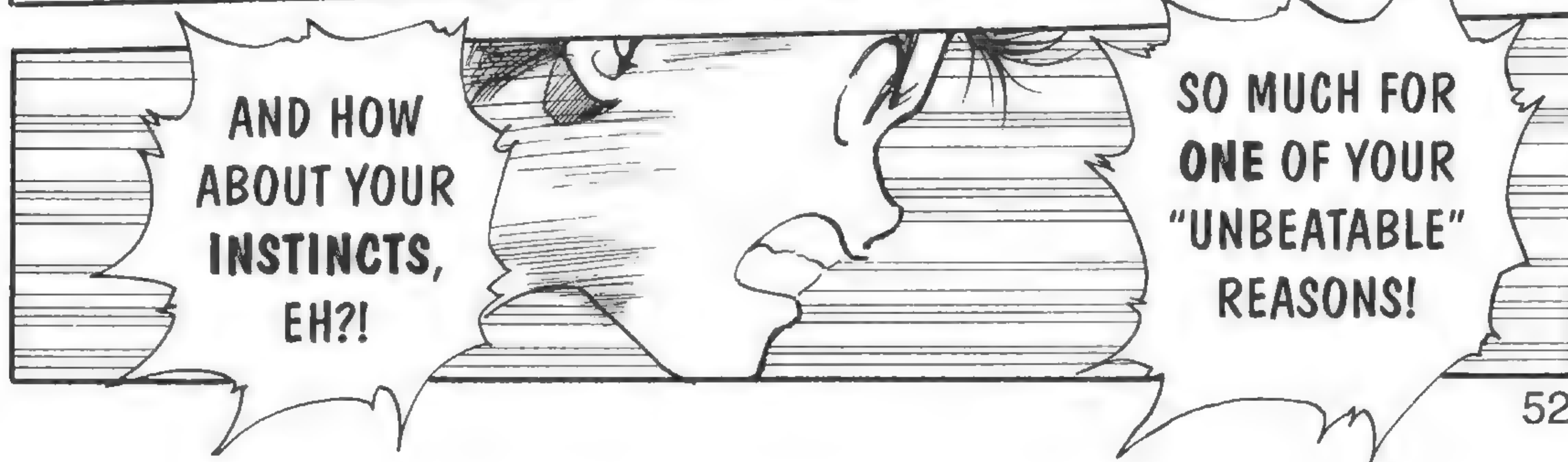




**C'MON! I
THOUGHT YOU
HAD A MILLION
OF THOSE
THINGS!**



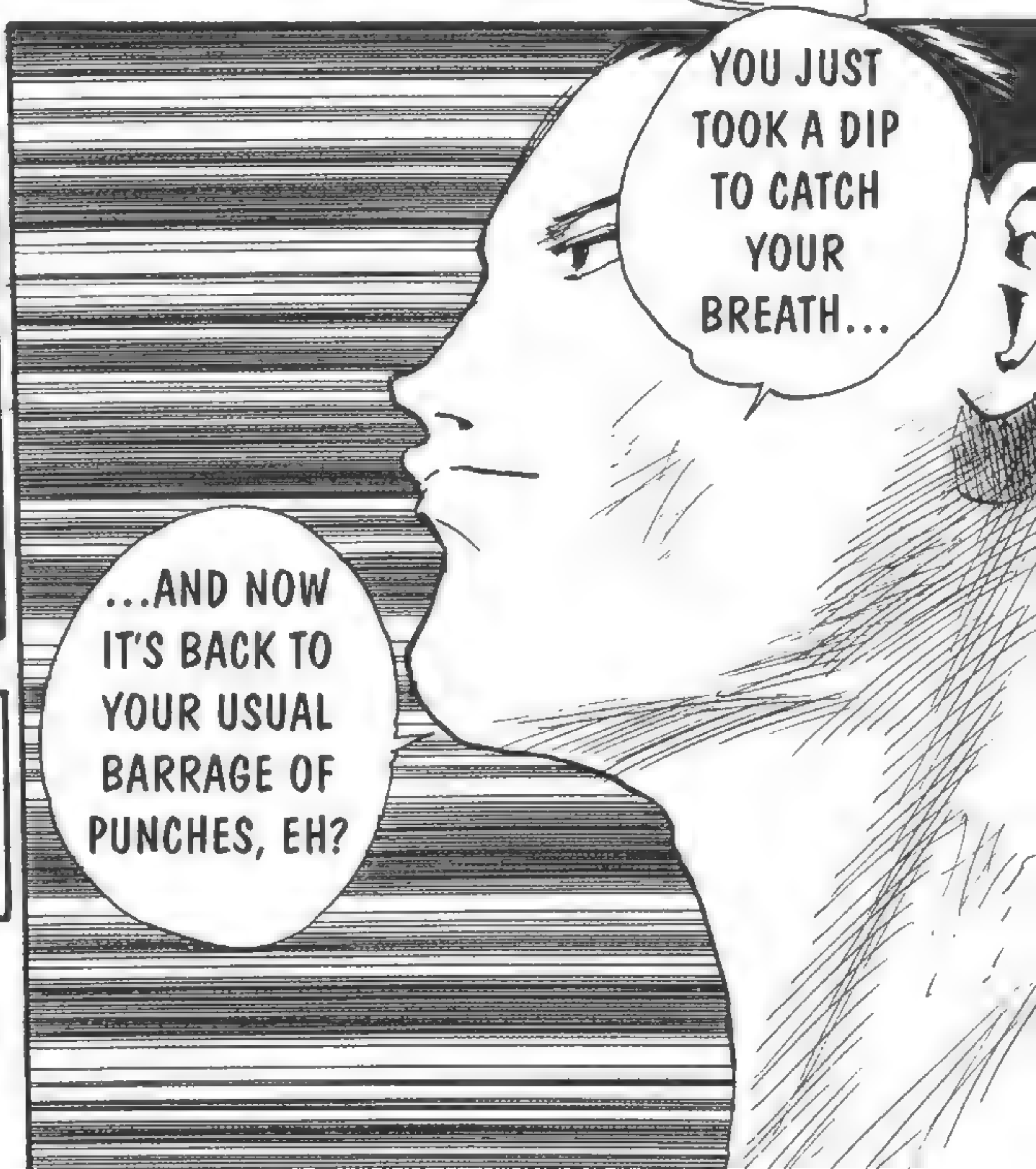
HMPH!



**AND HOW
ABOUT YOUR
INSTINCTS,
EH?!**

**SO MUCH FOR
ONE OF YOUR
"UNBEATABLE"
REASONS!**







GRIP





URGH!



POW

...FROM
THIS!!



SLAM



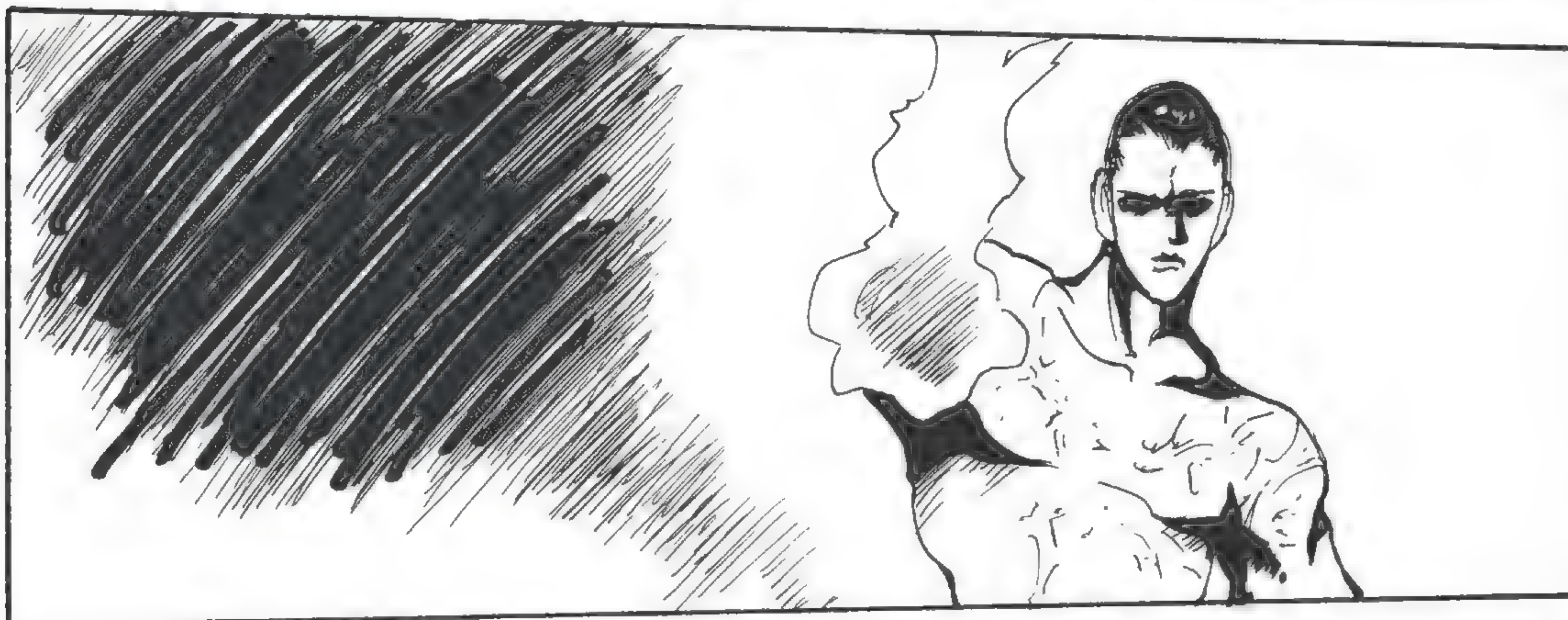
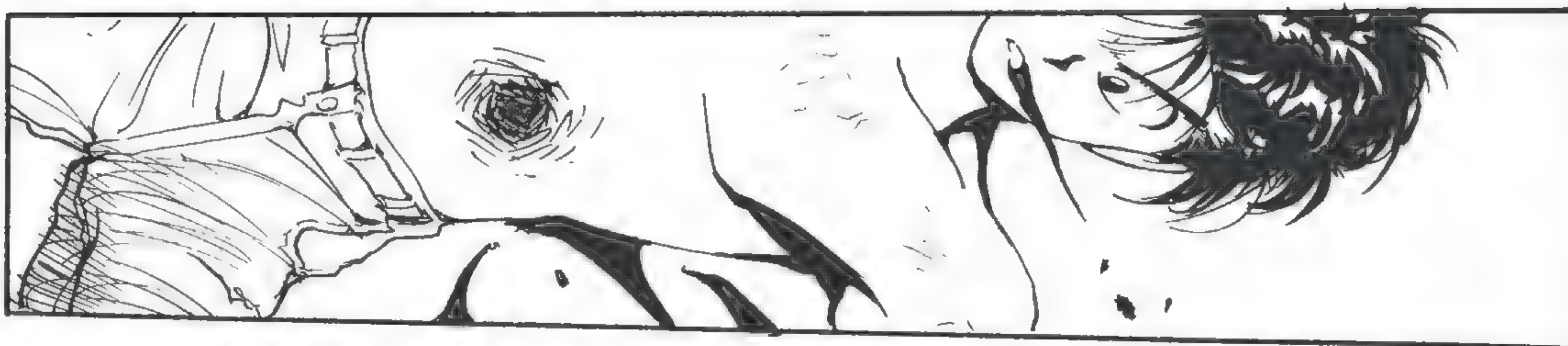


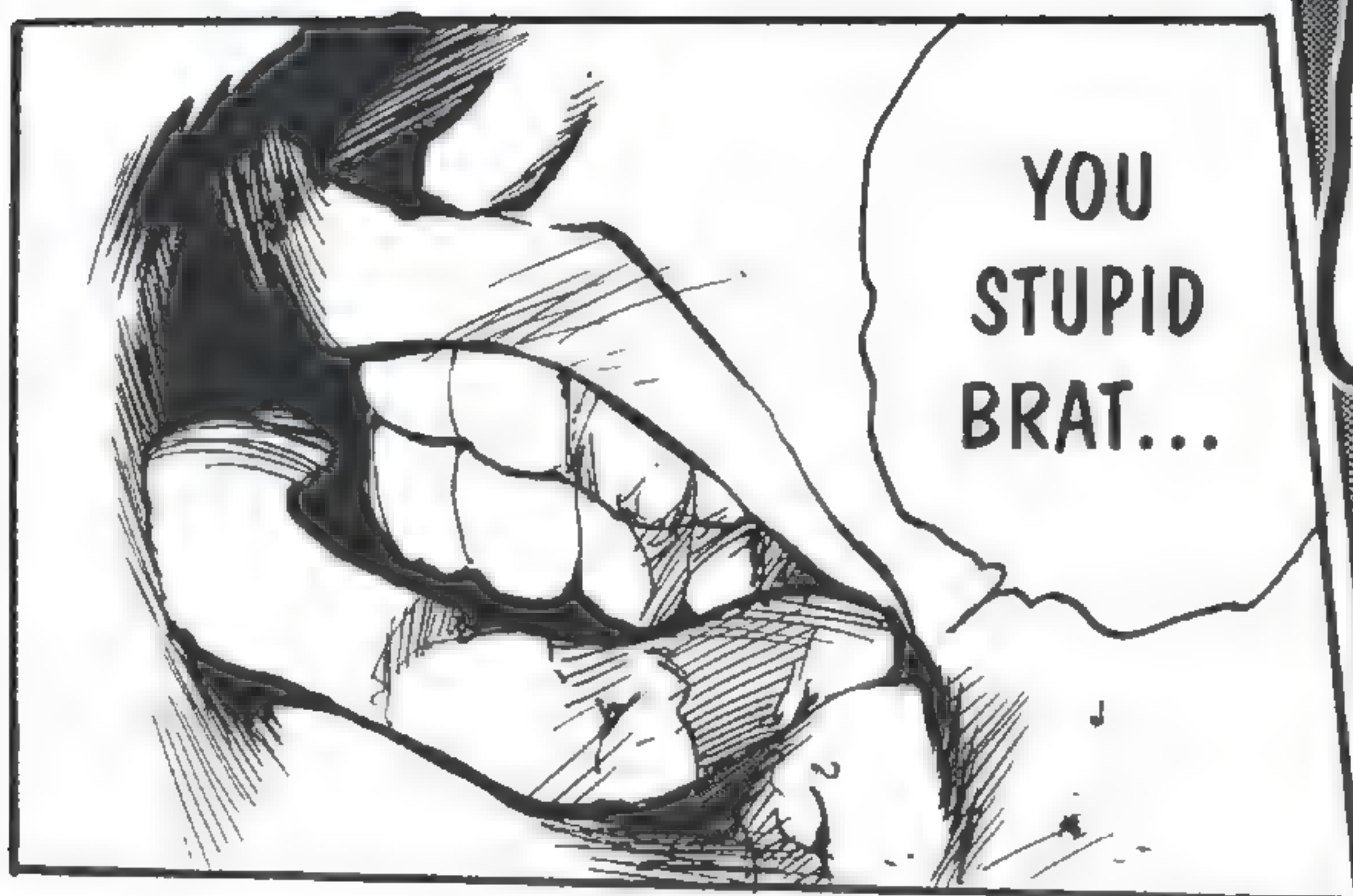
**NOW
FINISH
HIM
OFF!!**

**YA GOT
'IM,
YUSUKE!!**

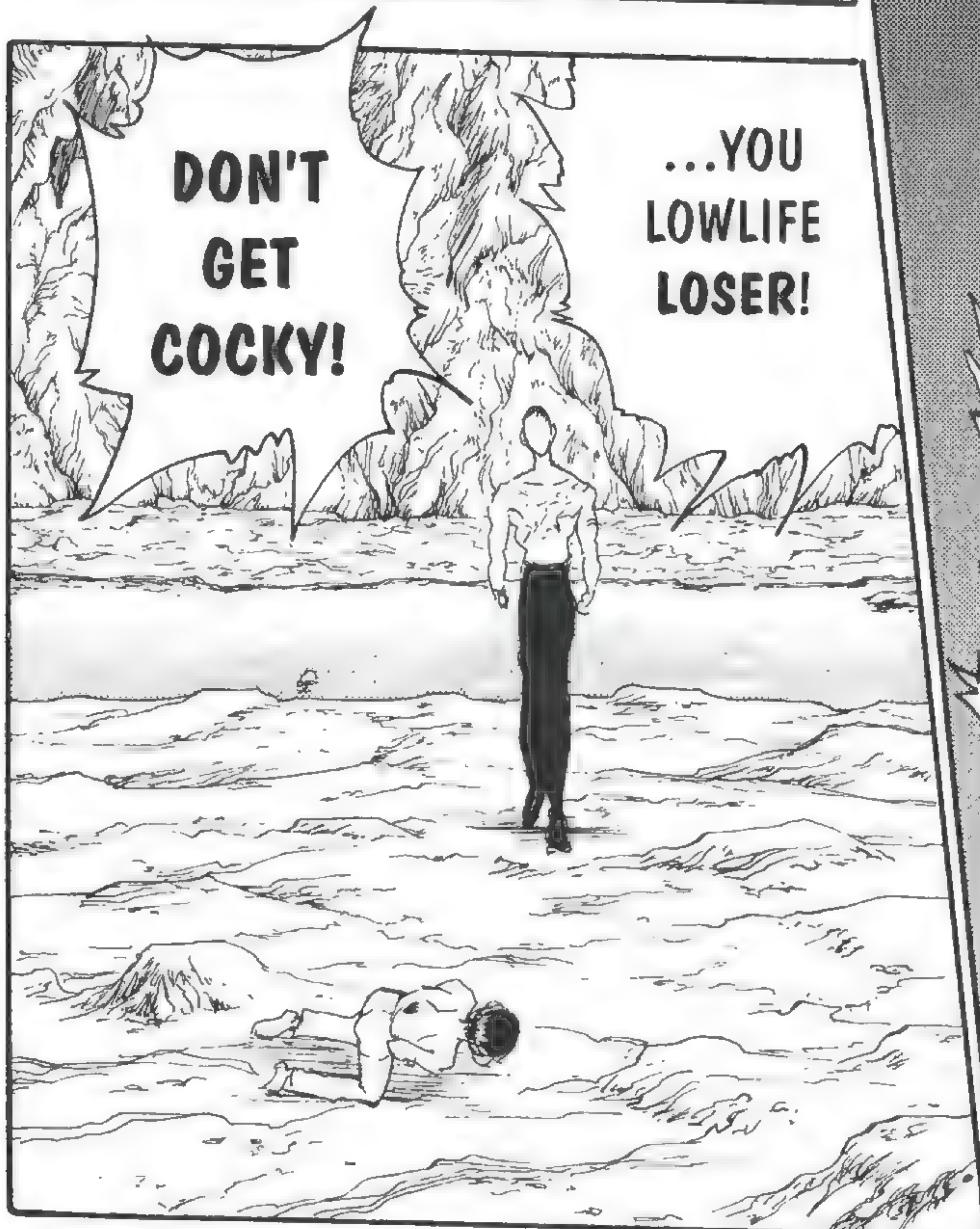
**ONE
MORE!**







YOU
STUPID
BRAT...



DON'T
GET
COCKY!

...YOU
LOWLIFE
LOSER!



GRIND
GRIND

BE



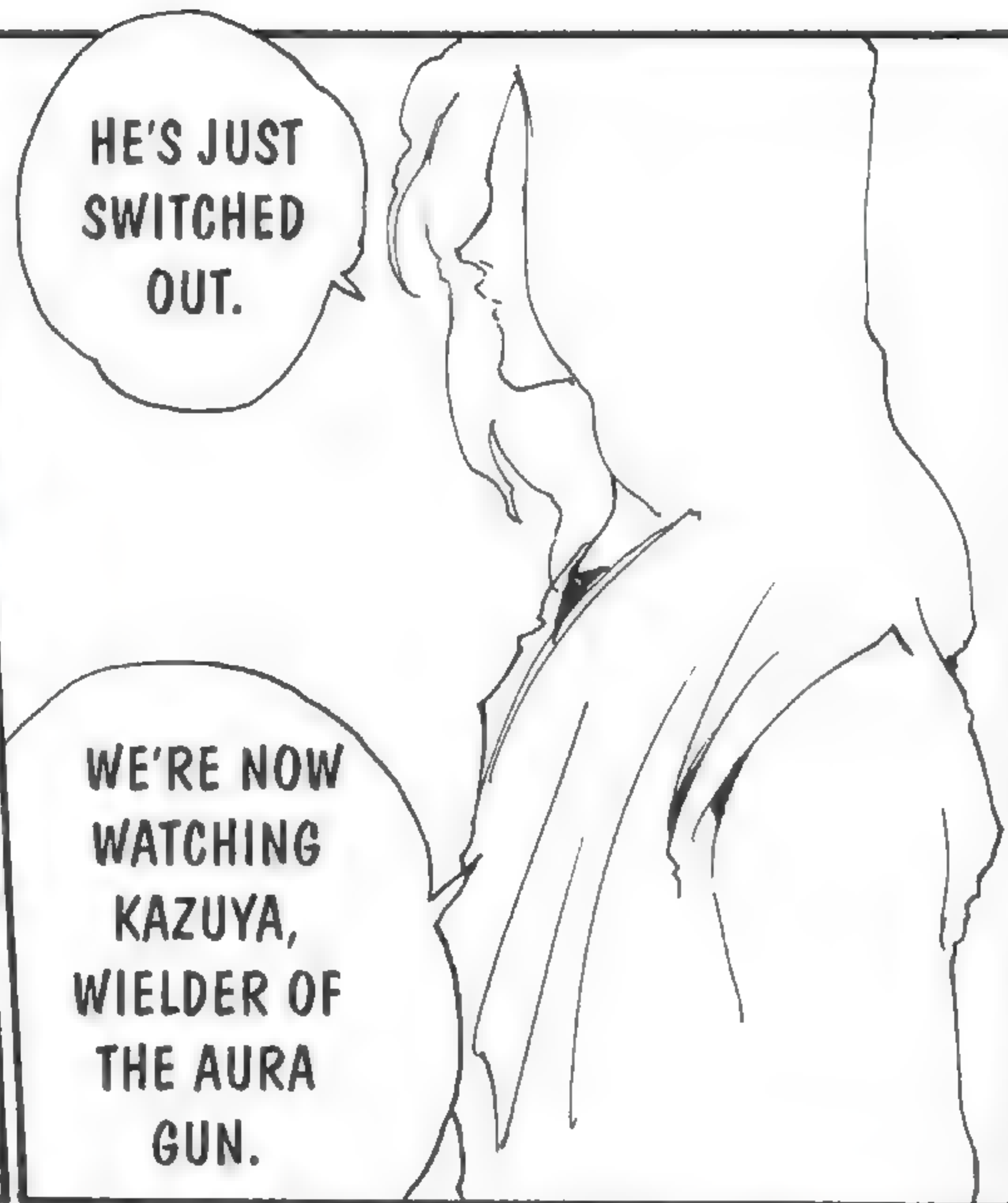
HE'S
FINALLY
LOST IT!

SENSUI'S
CHANGED...
DRASTICALLY!



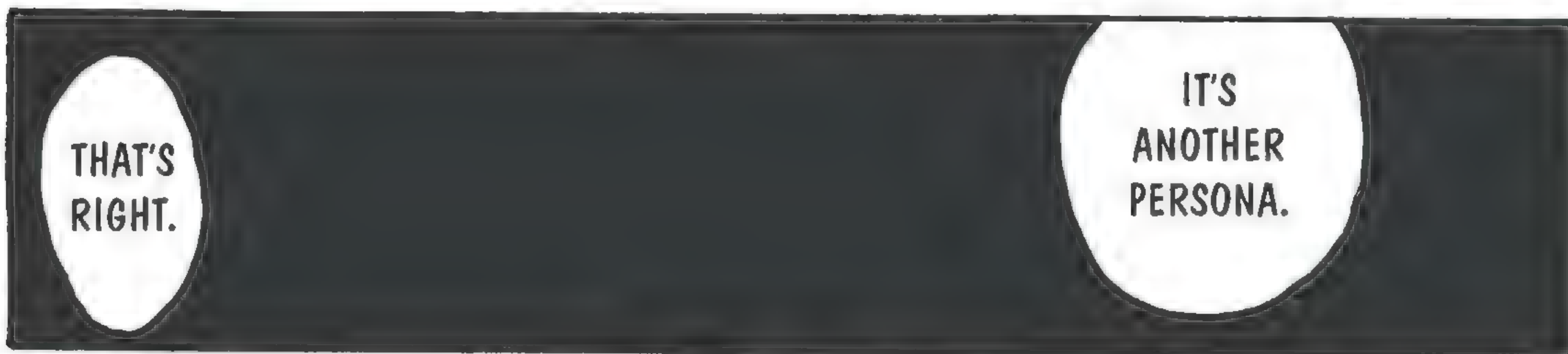
WHAT'RE
YOU TALKING
ABOUT?
ISN'T THAT
SHINOBU
SENSUI?!

"KAZUYA"?!



HE'S JUST
SWITCHED
OUT.

WE'RE NOW
WATCHING
KAZUYA,
WIELDER OF
THE AURA
GUN.



THAT'S
RIGHT.

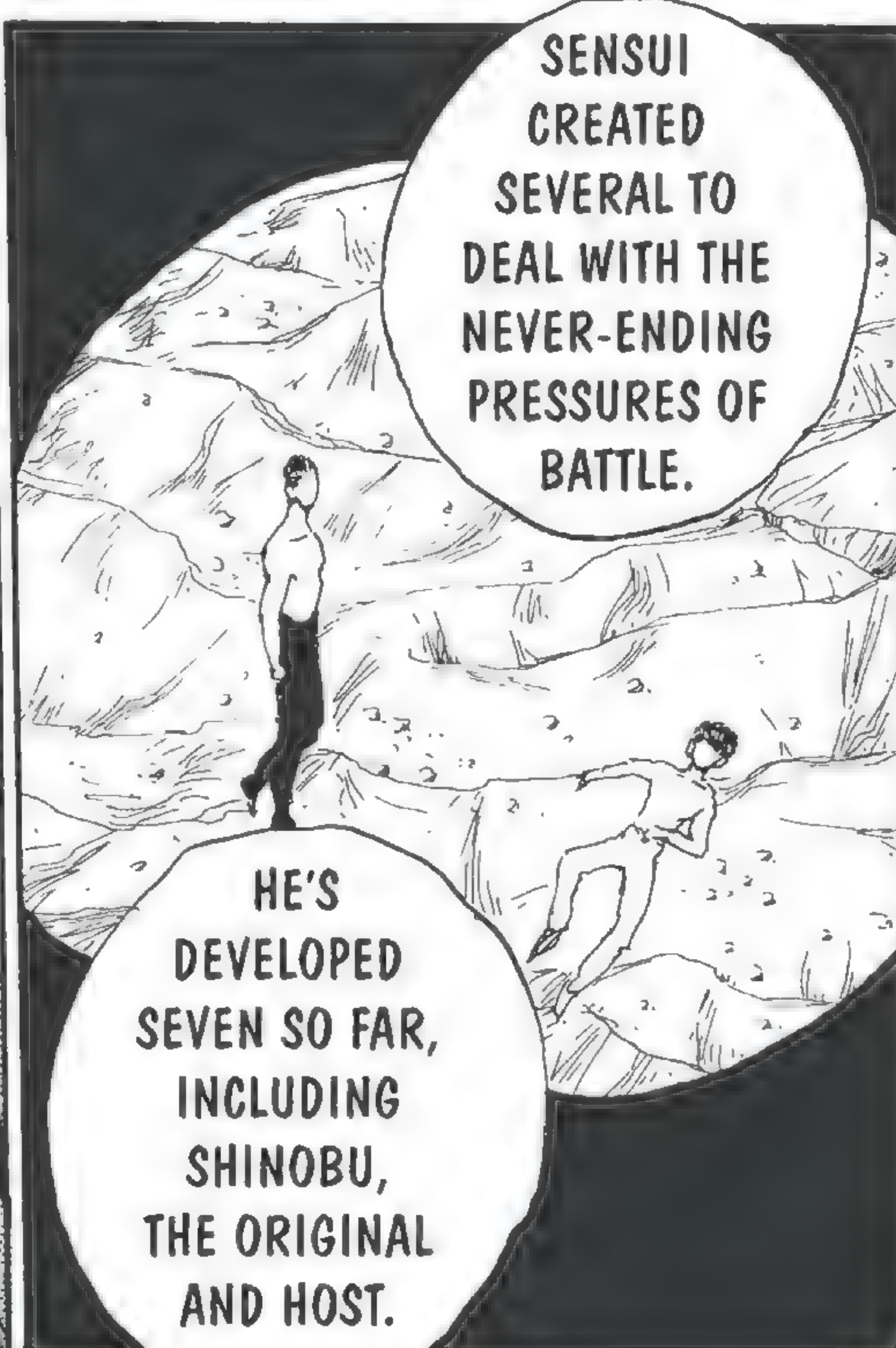
IT'S
ANOTHER
PERSONA.



SEVEN
?!

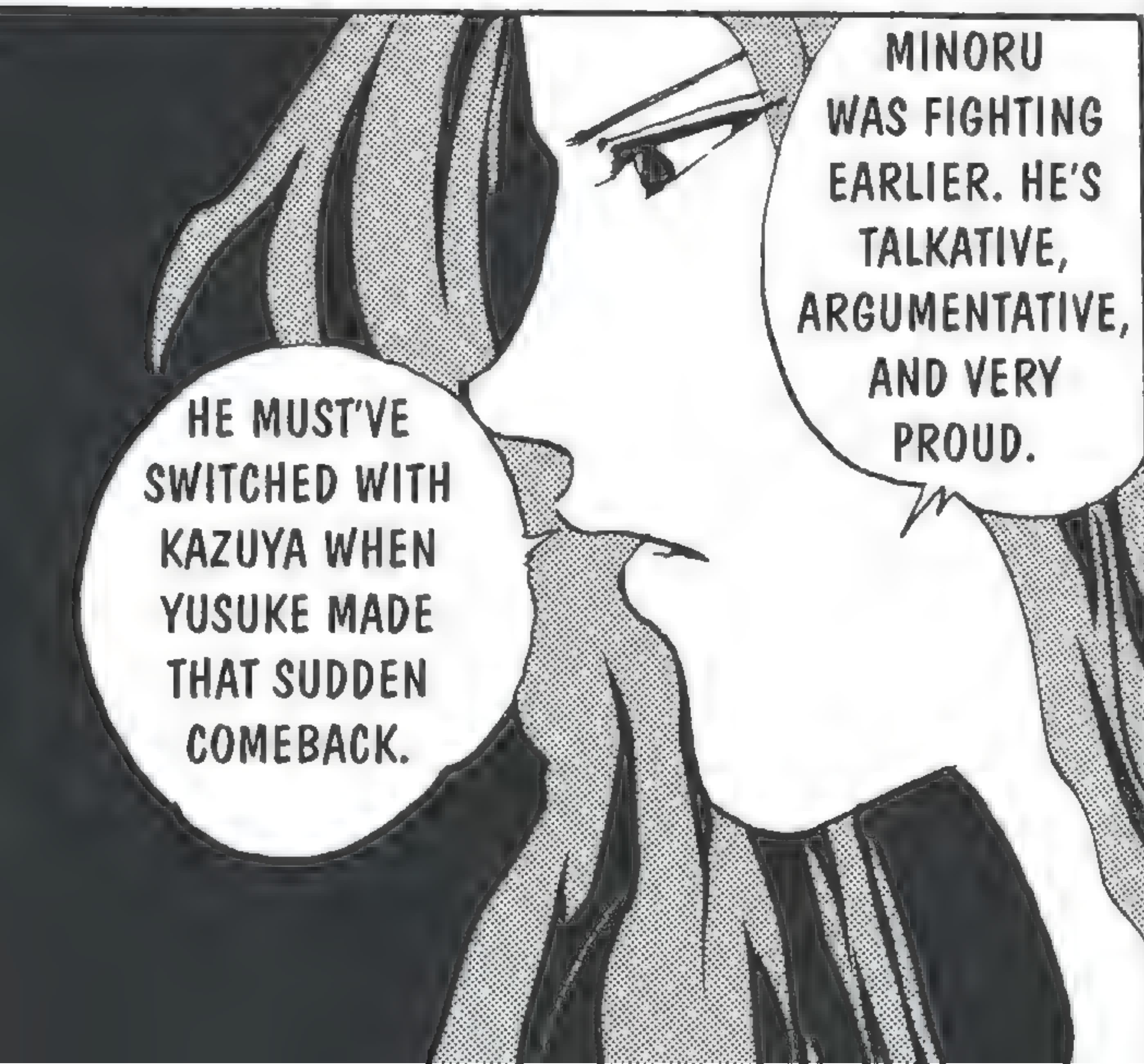
I
didn't
know!

WHAT
?!



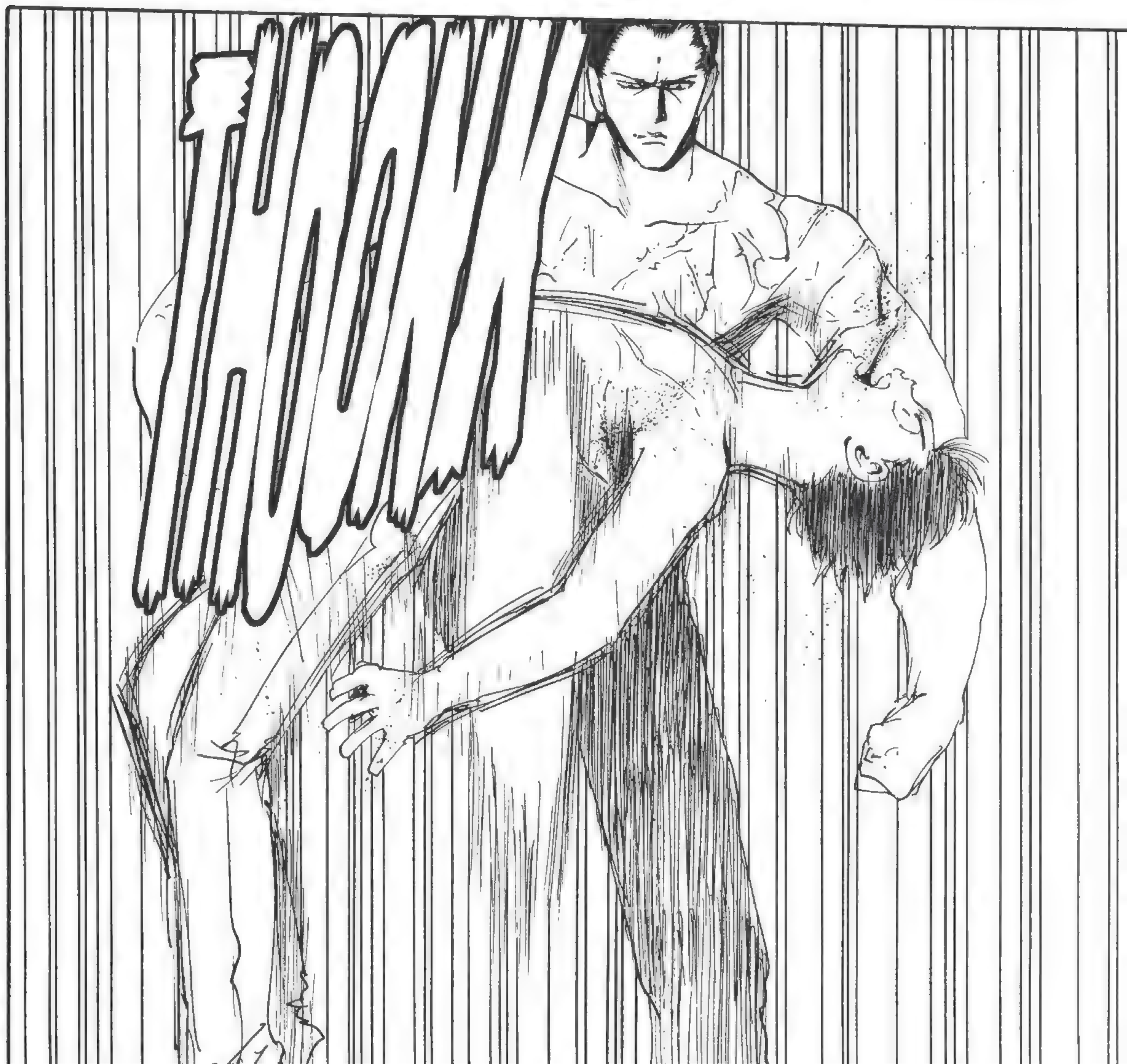
SENSUI
CREATED
SEVERAL TO
DEAL WITH THE
NEVER-ENDING
PRESSURES OF
BATTLE.

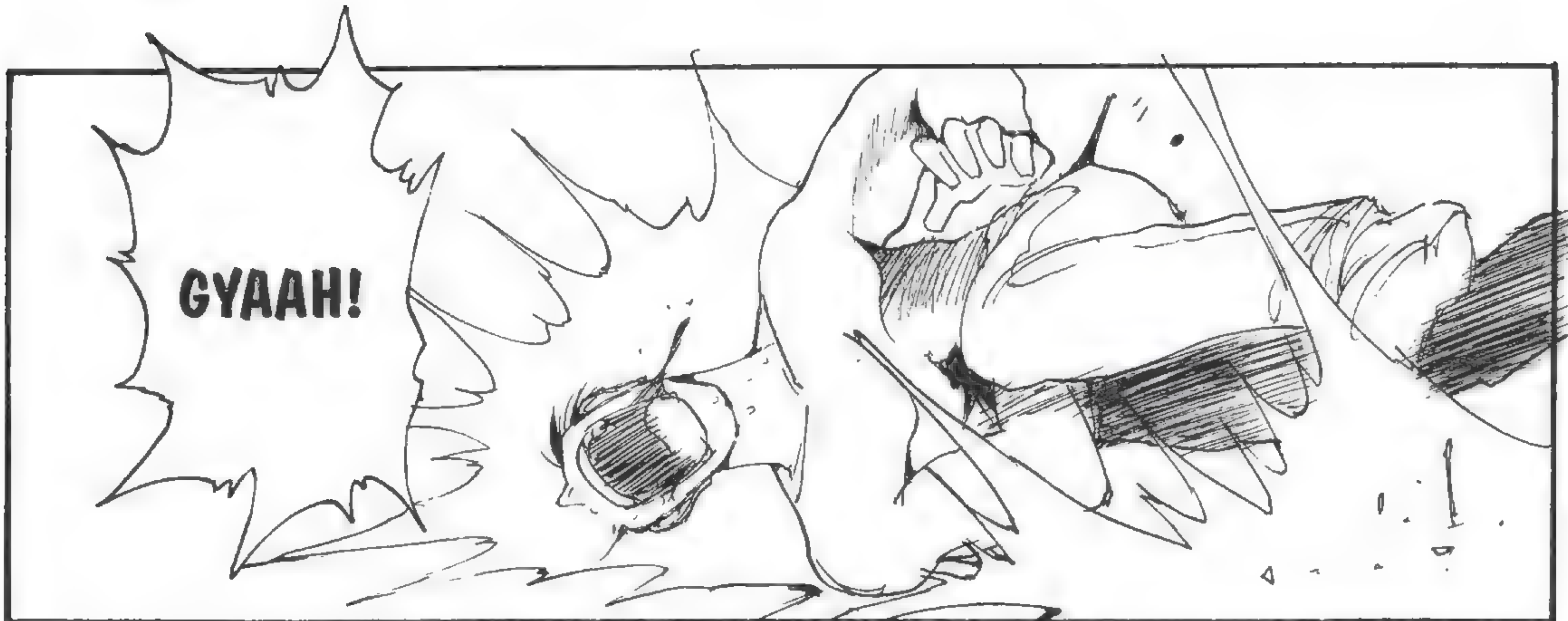
HE'S
DEVELOPED
SEVEN SO FAR,
INCLUDING
SHINOBU,
THE ORIGINAL
AND HOST.



HE MUST'VE
SWITCHED WITH
KAZUYA WHEN
YUSUKE MADE
THAT SUDDEN
COMEBACK.

MINORU
WAS FIGHTING
EARLIER. HE'S
TALKATIVE,
ARGUMENTATIVE,
AND VERY
PROUD.





GYAAH!

Y'SEE, THERE'RE
ACTUALLY **FOUR**
REASONS YOU
WON'T BEAT
SENSUI...

MINORU
DIDN'T QUITE
TELL YOU THE
TRUTH.

HACK!

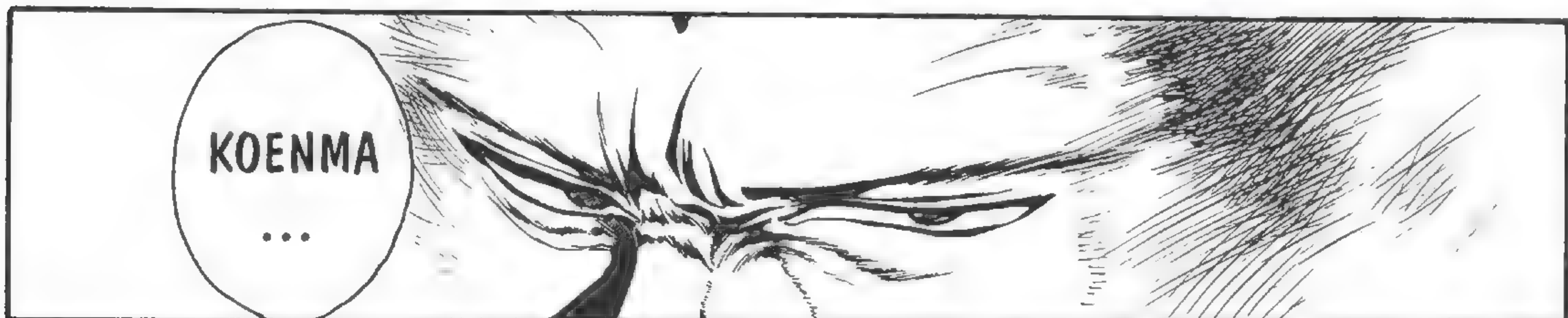
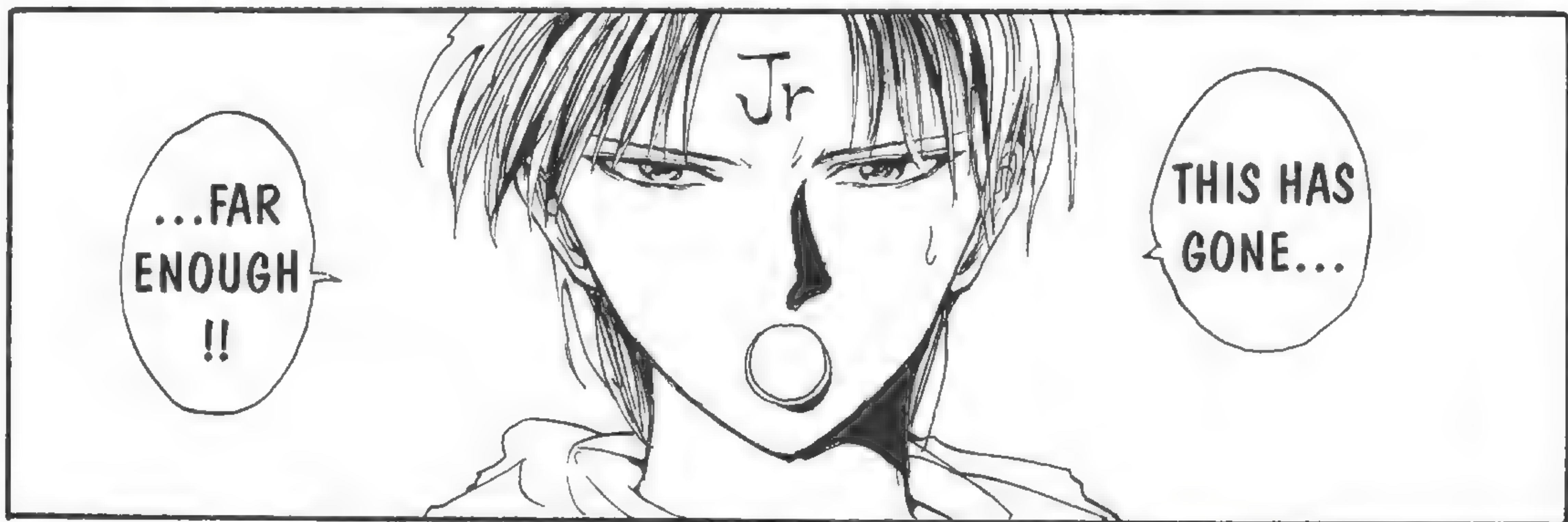
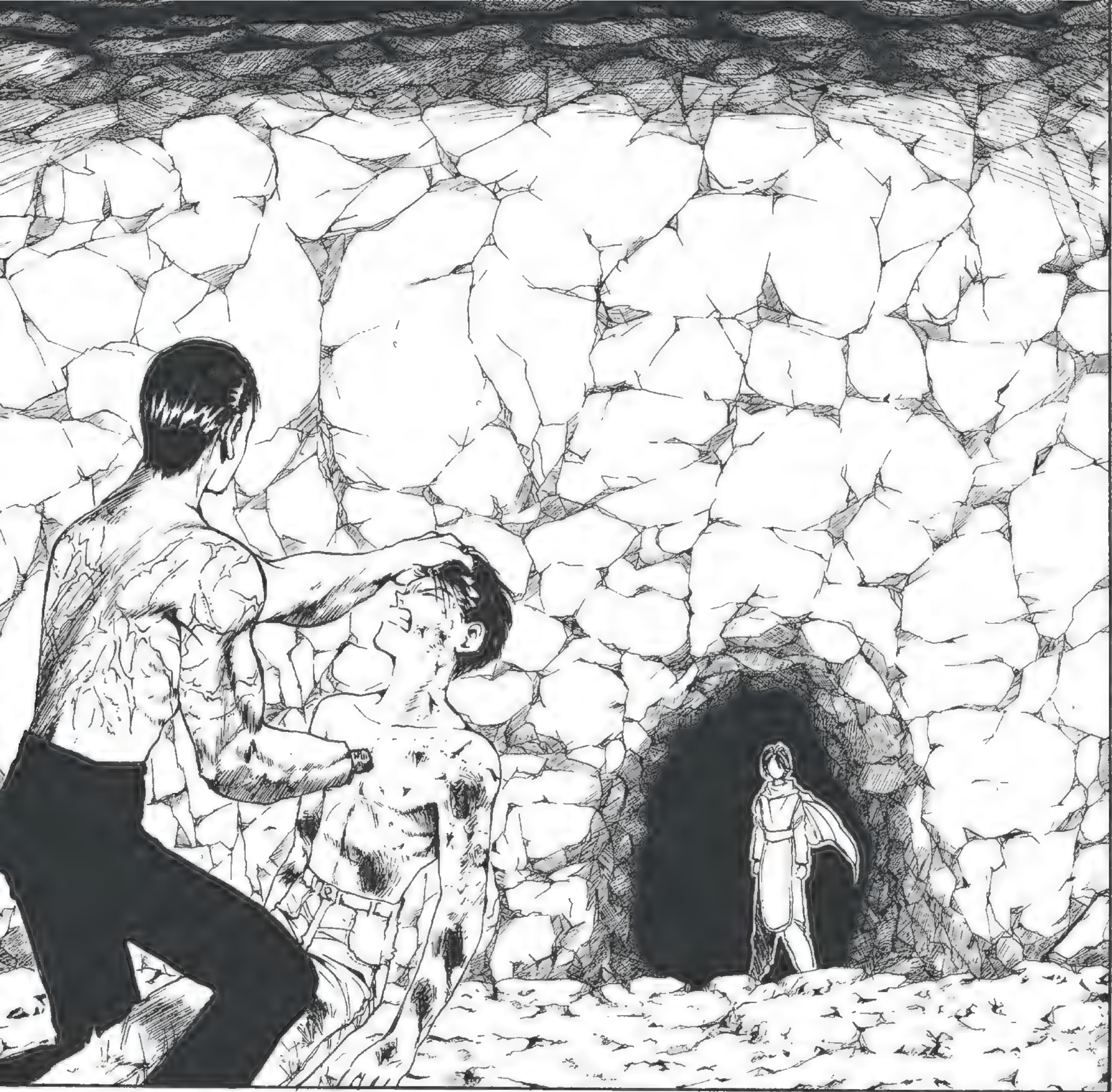
LIKE THAT
"ACE UP THE
SLEEVE,"
PUNK?

HURK
!!

...AND THAT
FOURTH
REASON
IS ME!

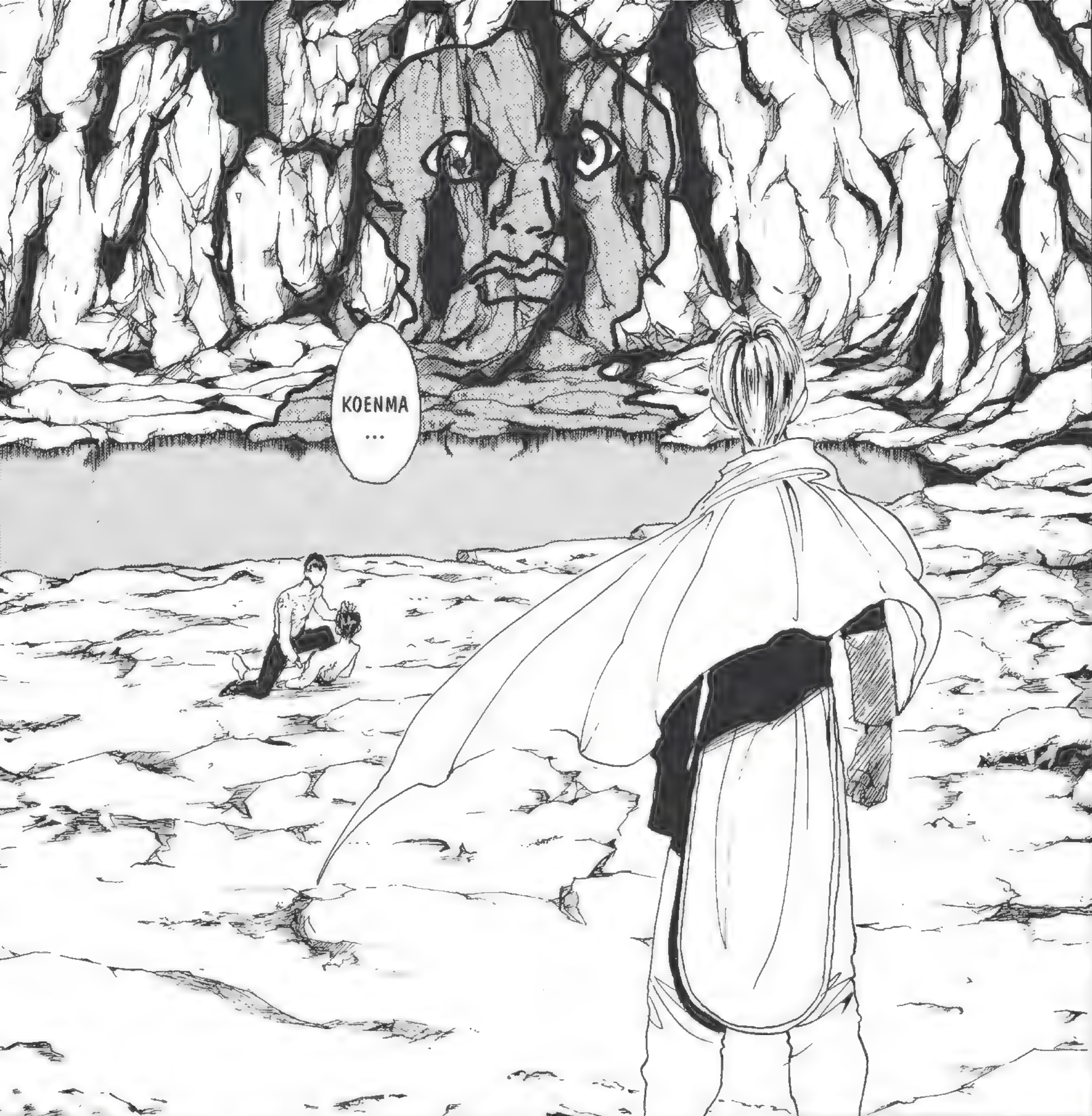
BLAM BLAM BLAM BLAM





KOENMA GETS SERIOUS!!







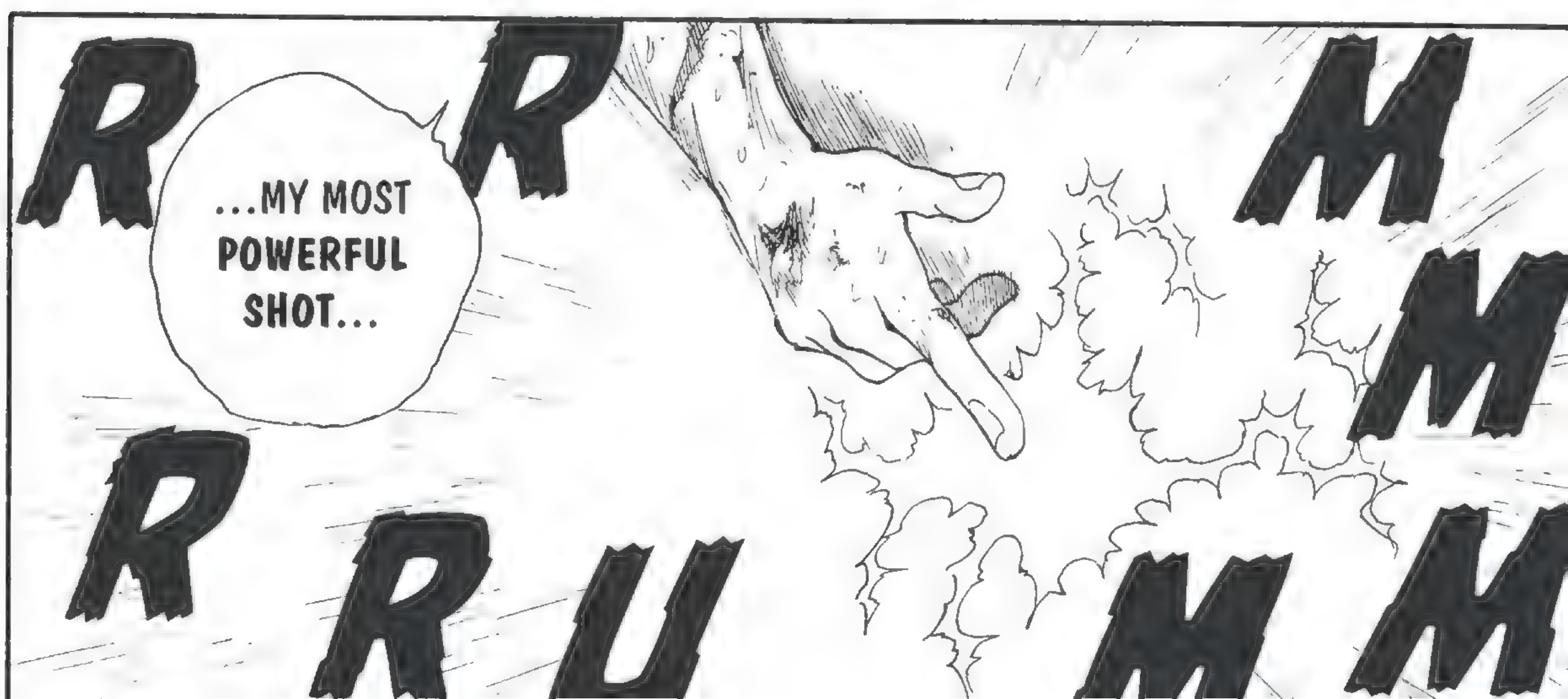
THAT WAS
CLOSE!
HE STILL...

...HAD
ENERGY
LEFT.



I WAS
GONNA...
NAIL HIM POINT
BLANK WITH...

KOENMA...
WHY'D YOU
INTERFERE...
NOW?



...MY MOST
POWERFUL
SHOT...



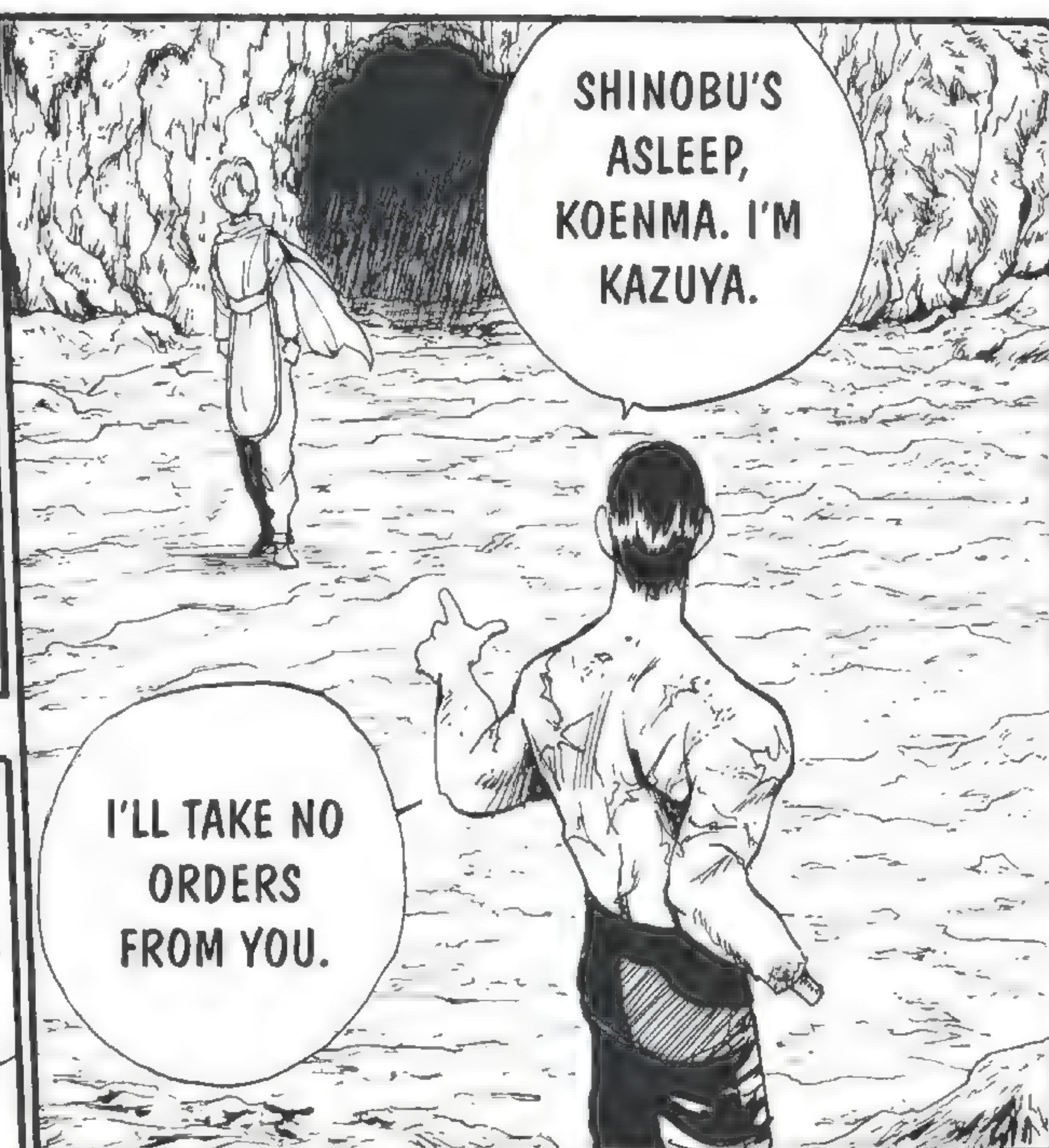
I NEARLY
FORGOT
KOENMA
CHOSE YOU
AS...

...SHINOBU'S
SUCCESSOR,
AND KOENMA'S
NO FOOL.



...WE ALL
DECIDED TO
DO THIS
THING...

BUT DON'T
GET ME
WRONG...

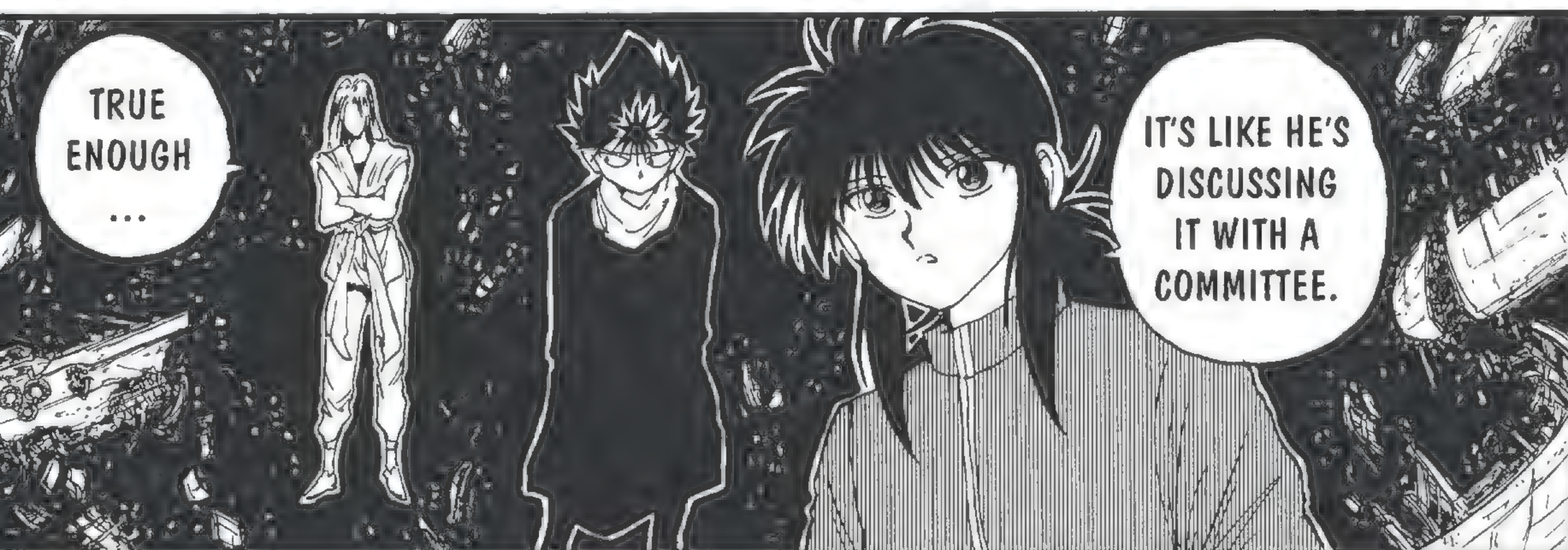


SHINOBU'S
ASLEEP,
KOENMA. I'M
KAZUYA.

I'LL TAKE NO
ORDERS
FROM YOU.



...
SHINOBU
INCLUDED.



TRUE
ENOUGH
...

IT'S LIKE HE'S
DISCUSSING
IT WITH A
COMMITTEE.



SHINOBU IS THE CENTRAL ONE, THE PIVOT. THREE OTHERS DEAL WITH MATTERS OF COMBAT, AND THE OTHER THREE WITH...OTHER THINGS.

...WHEN YOU CONSIDER THE DISTINCT PERSONALITIES INVOLVED.

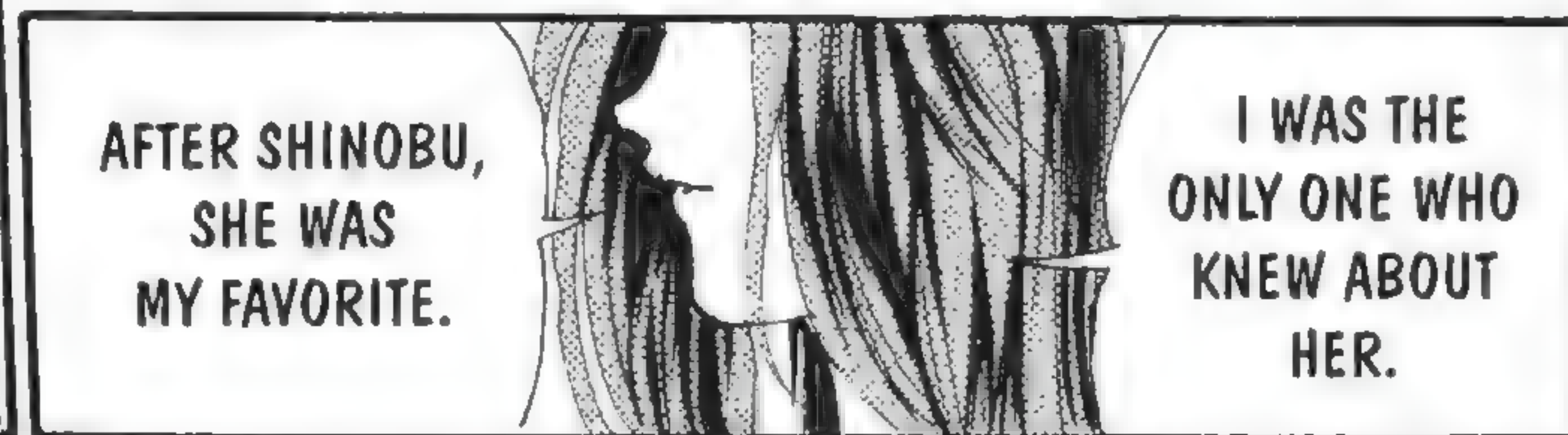


STOP!
THIS IS
GETTING
WAY TOO
WEIRD!

SHE'S SHY, NAÏVE, AND SENSITIVE. SHE OFTEN CONFIDED HER PROBLEMS TO ME, AND I WAS ALWAYS THERE TO COMFORT HER WHEN THINGS GOT HEAVY.



ONE'S A FEMALE CALLED NARU, AND SHE'S NO WARRIOR, NOT BY A LONG SHOT.



AFTER SHINOBU, SHE WAS MY FAVORITE.

I WAS THE ONLY ONE WHO KNEW ABOUT HER.

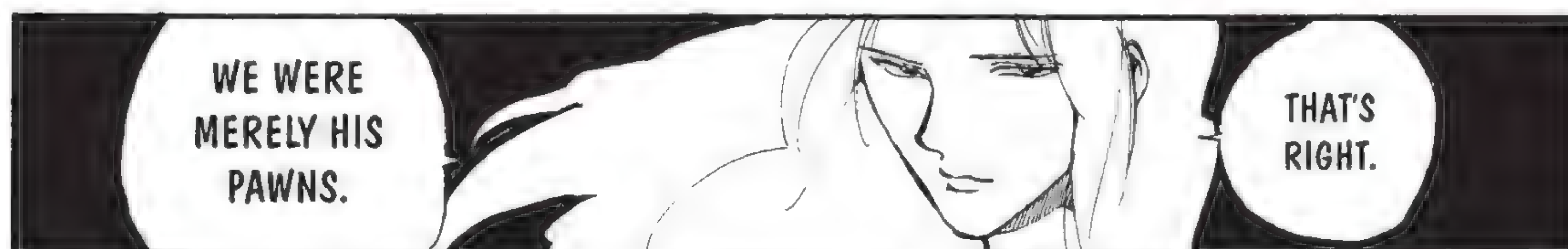


ALL THIS TIME...

...SENSUI WAS THE PRIME MOVER...

A GRAVE FOR EVERY HUMAN BEING...

THE SEVEN OF US WILL DIG A HOLE...



WE WERE MERELY HIS PAWNS.

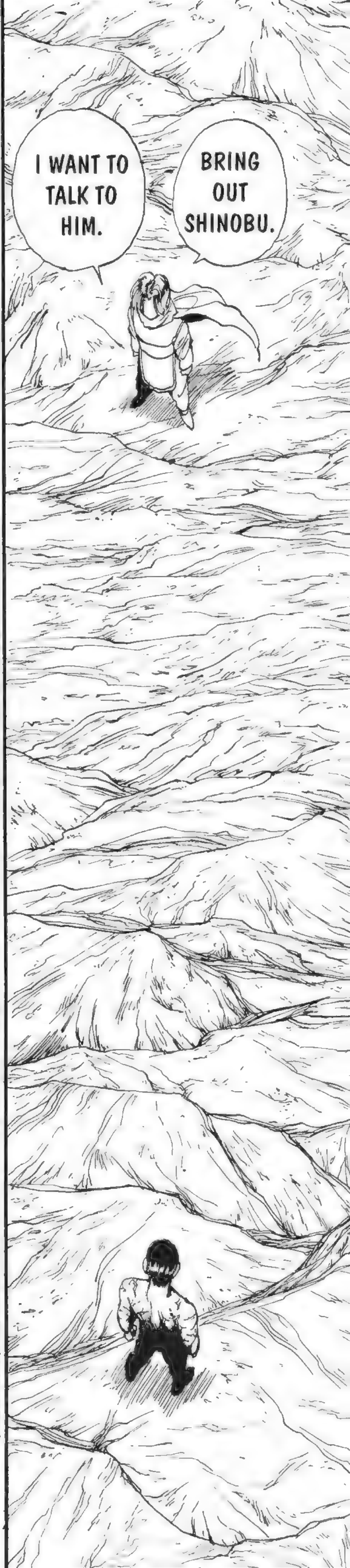
THAT'S RIGHT.



HE'LL
PASS,
THANKS.



WELL,
SHINOBU
...?

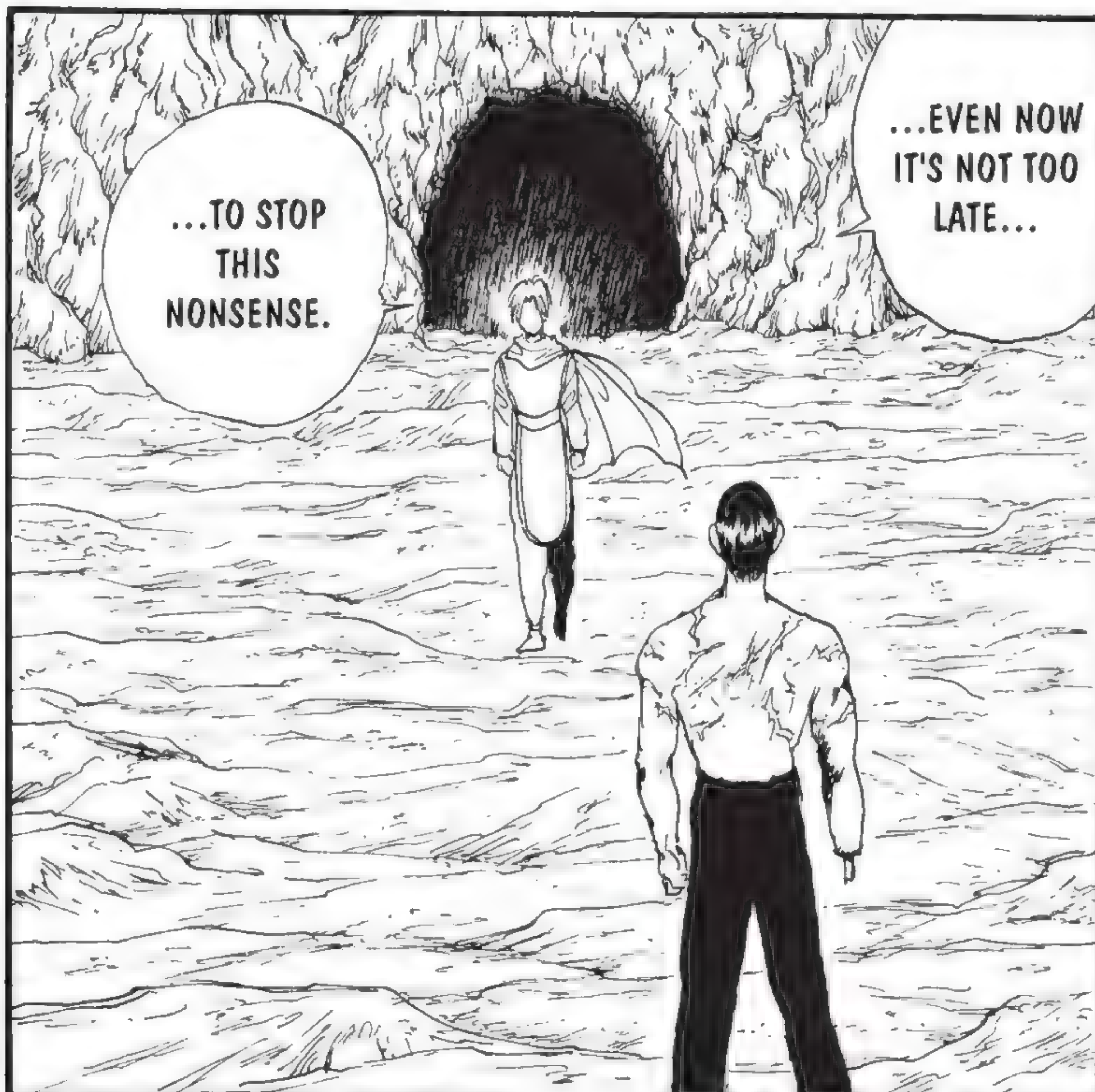


I WANT TO
TALK TO
HIM.

BRING
OUT
SHINOBU.



THAT'S FINE, HE
CAN HEAR ME.
AND I WANT TO
SAY...



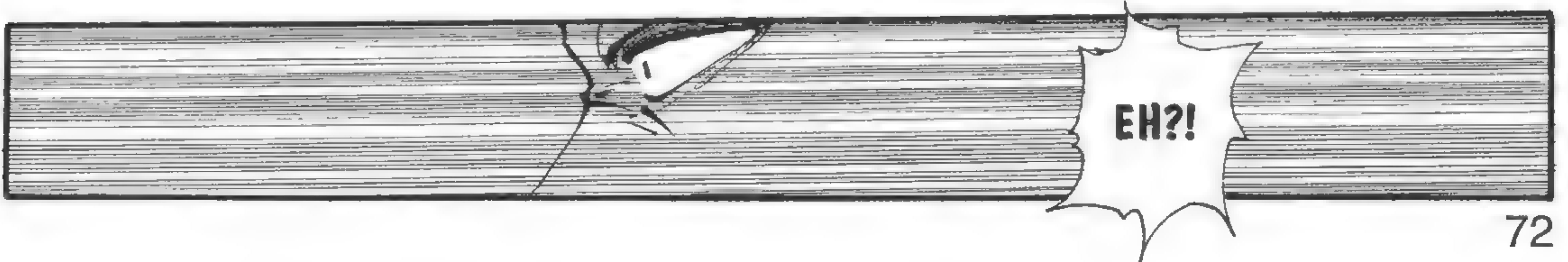
...TO STOP
THIS
NONSENSE.

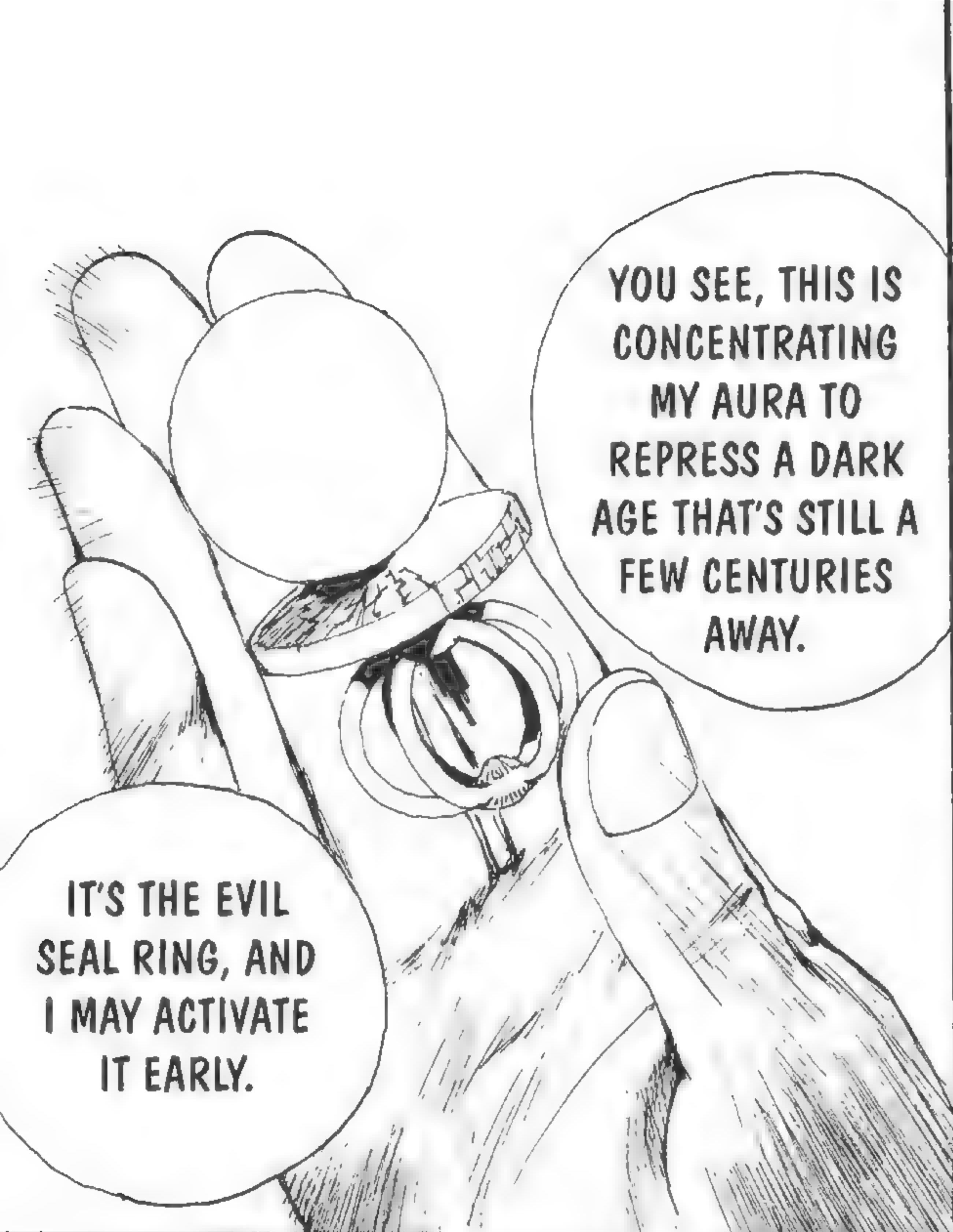
...EVEN NOW
IT'S NOT TOO
LATE...



THE HOLE IS
FINISHED.
WE'RE JUST
WAITING FOR
IT TO OPEN.

IT IS
TOO LATE.
LOOK!





IT'S THE EVIL
SEAL RING, AND
I MAY ACTIVATE
IT EARLY.

YOU SEE, THIS IS
CONCENTRATING
MY AURA TO
REPRESS A DARK
AGE THAT'S STILL A
FEW CENTURIES
AWAY.



I CAN SEAL UP
THAT HOLE
WITH ANOTHER
FORCE FIELD.



...UNLESS YOU
KILL ME AND
TAKE THE RING.

SO THWARTING
YOUR PLANS IS
REALLY NO
PROBLEM...



WHICH WILL
IT BE—
CONTINUE,
OR STOP?

TALK IT OUT
AMONGST
YOURSELVES.



FINE...



I...GET THE
PICTURE...



...I WILL NOT
HESITATE TO
UNLEASH THE
RING'S POWER.

SHINOBU...
IF YOU
DECIDE TO
CONTINUE...




THE THING IS,
I WILL BE PART OF
THE FORCE FIELD
AND WILL TRAP YOU
IN THE DEMON
PLANE WITH ME.

I MADE YOU THE
UNDERWORLD
DETECTIVE, SO YOU'RE
MY RESPONSIBILITY.
I MUST ANSWER FOR
YOU, AND WHAT
YOU'VE DONE.



WE'LL GO
TOGETHER.

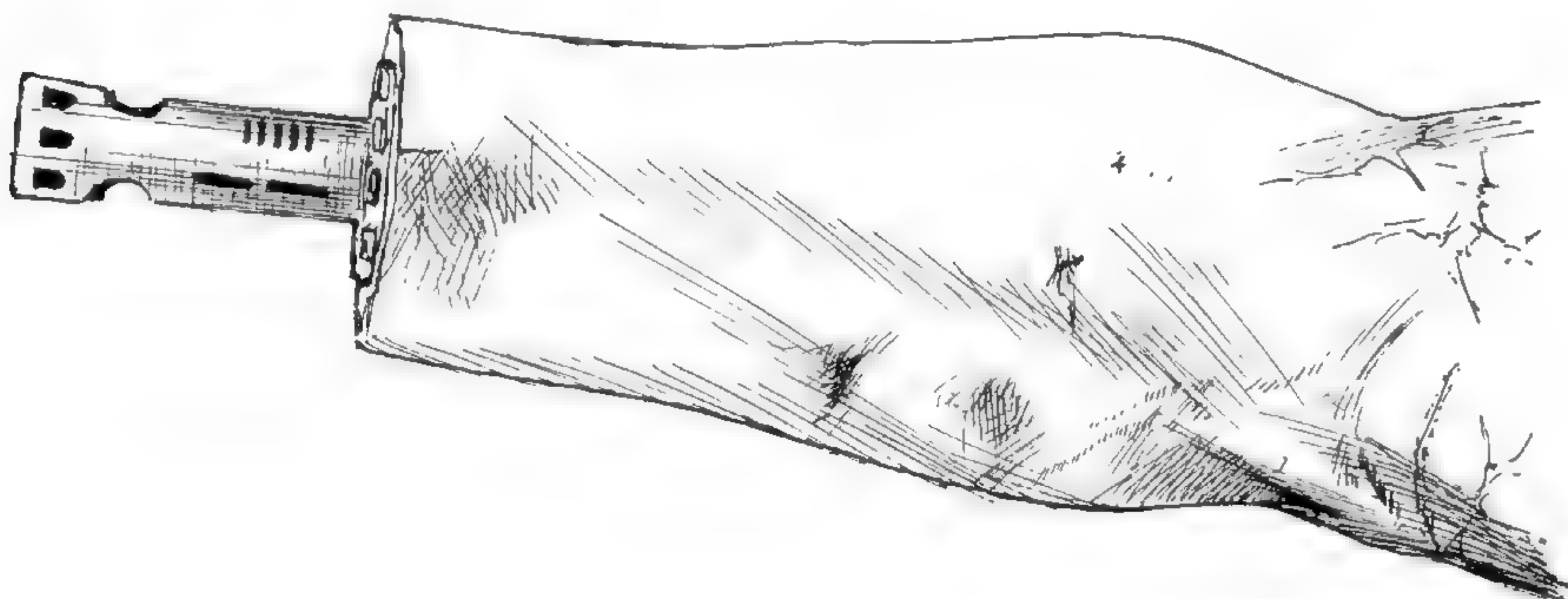


...AND
REACHED A
UNANIMOUS
DECISION.

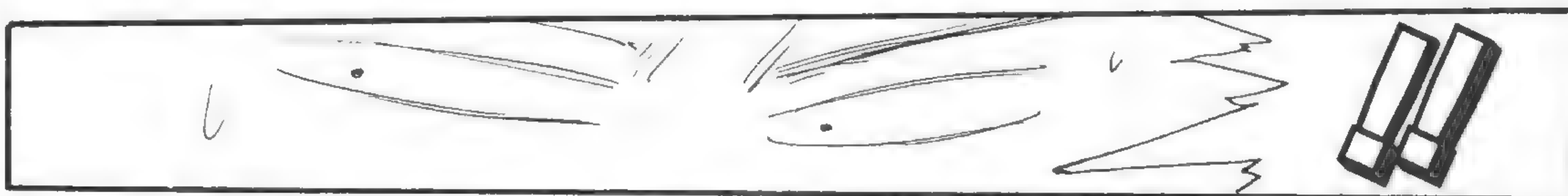
WE'VE
DISCUSSED
IT,
KOENMA...

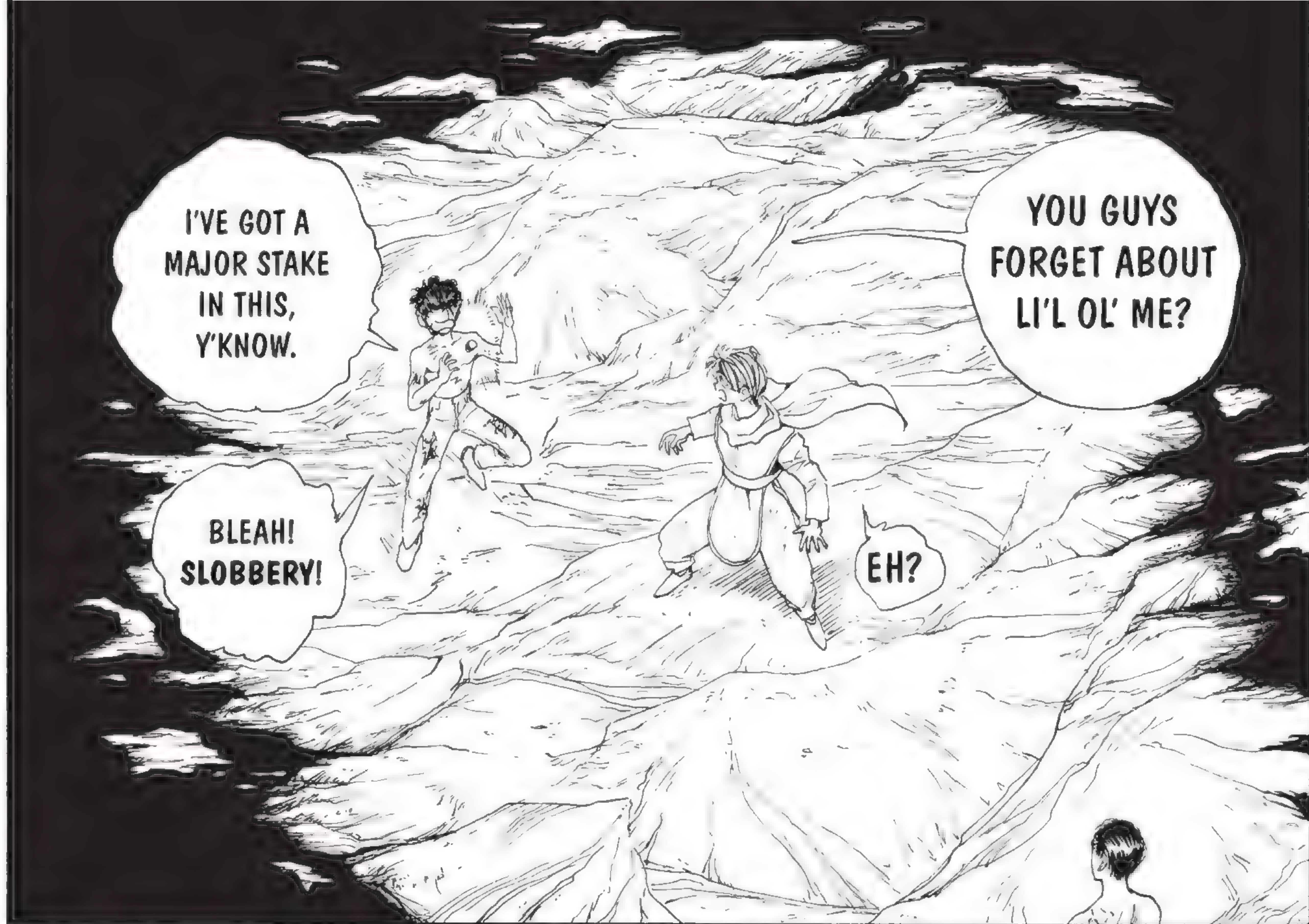


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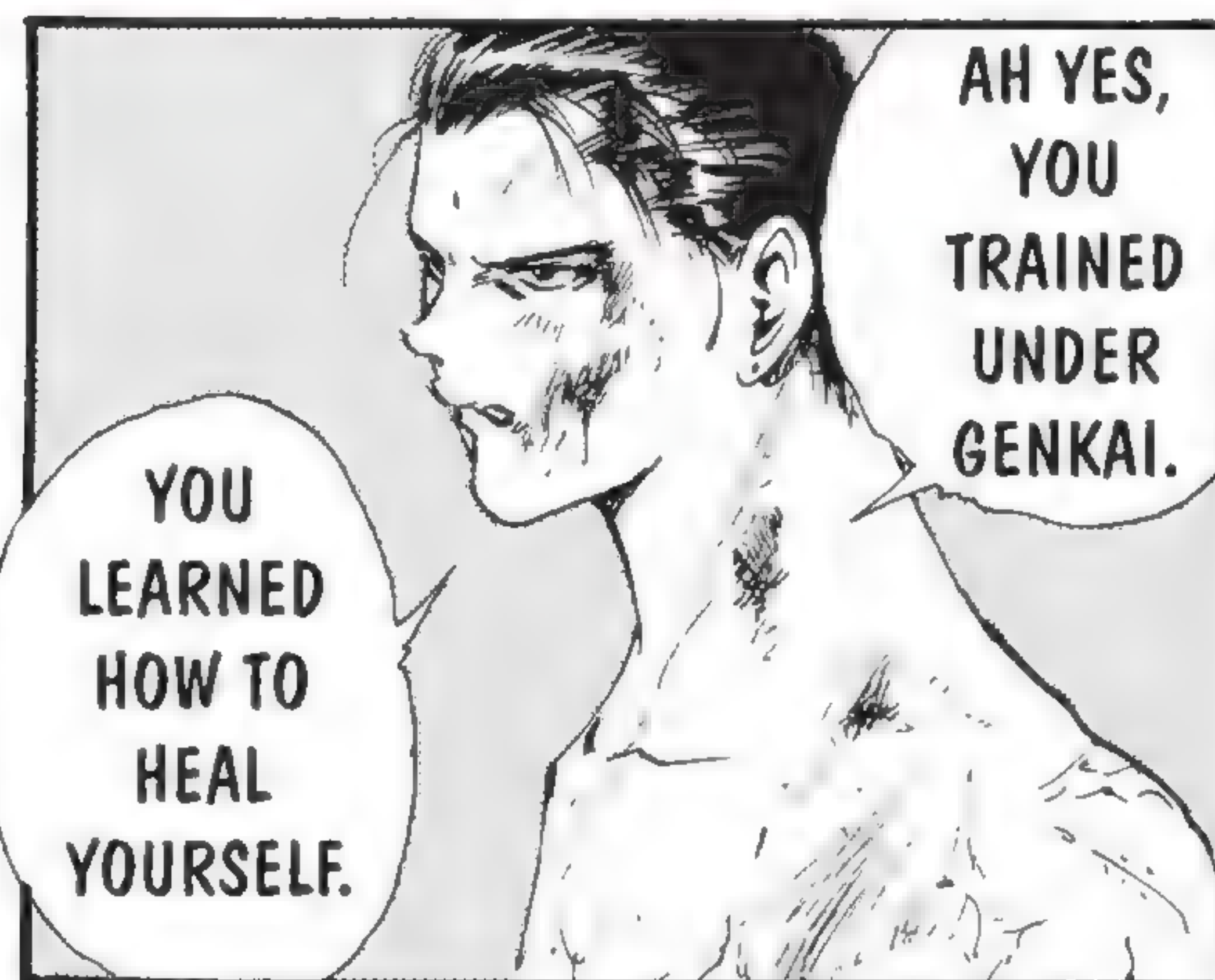


I'VE GOT A
MAJOR STAKE
IN THIS,
Y'KNOW.

YOU GUYS
FORGET ABOUT
LI'L OL' ME?

BLEAH!
SLOBBERY!

EH?



YOU
LEARNED
HOW TO
HEAL
YOURSELF.

AH YES,
YOU
TRAINED
UNDER
GENKAI.



...I'M
READY
FOR THE
NEXT
ROUND.

ANY-
WAY...



THIS IS NO TIME
TO BE FOOLIN'
AROUND! GIVE
ME TH—

WHOA! STOP!
NOT DOWN
YOUR PANTS!!



NUH-
UH!

HEY, YOU
IDIOT!!
GIVE THAT
BACK!!

VOOSH



OKAY,
THAT'S
DONE.

LET'S GET
DOWN
TO IT.



PLUH!

STAY OUTTA
THIS, YA
OLD FART!!



TRUTH IS,
NEITHER
DO I.

SENSUI...
ONE OF YOU SAID
YOU DIDN'T CARE
ABOUT THE
PORTAL
ANYMORE.



I DON'T
CARE WHAT
HAPPENS
AFTER THAT.

IT'S JUST
ABOUT YOU
AND ME.



IT'S JUST
URAMESHI
BEING
URAMESHI.



I BELIEVE
HE MEANS
IT...



HOWEVER, I'M
TIRED OF YOU.
I WANNA FIGHT
SOMEONE ELSE.



WHAT'RE
YOU TALKING
ABOUT?
YOU'LL
FIGHT ME!!



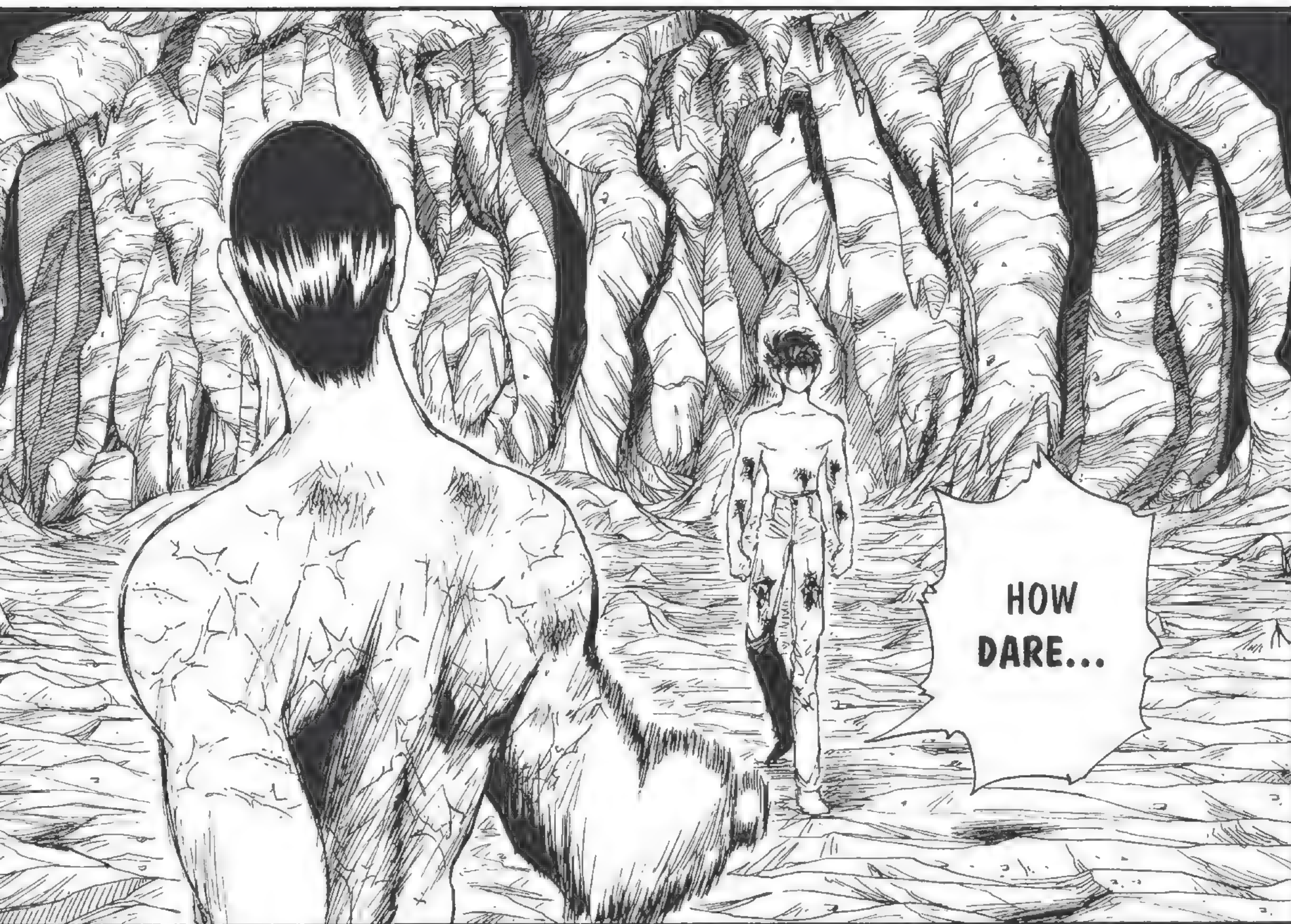
THE GUY
I WAS
FIGHTING
EARLIER...

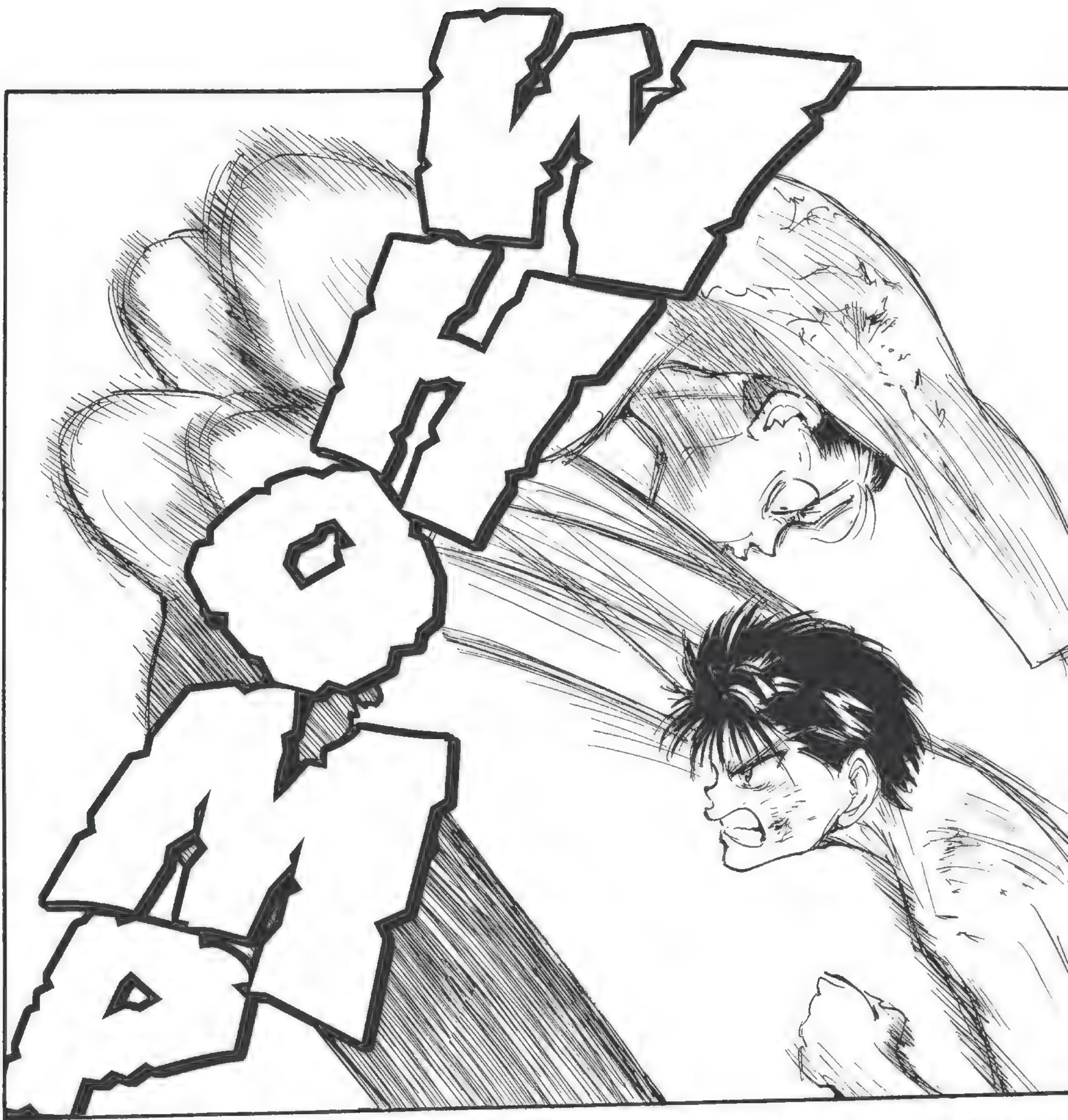
...HE'LL DO.
GET HIM OUT
HERE.

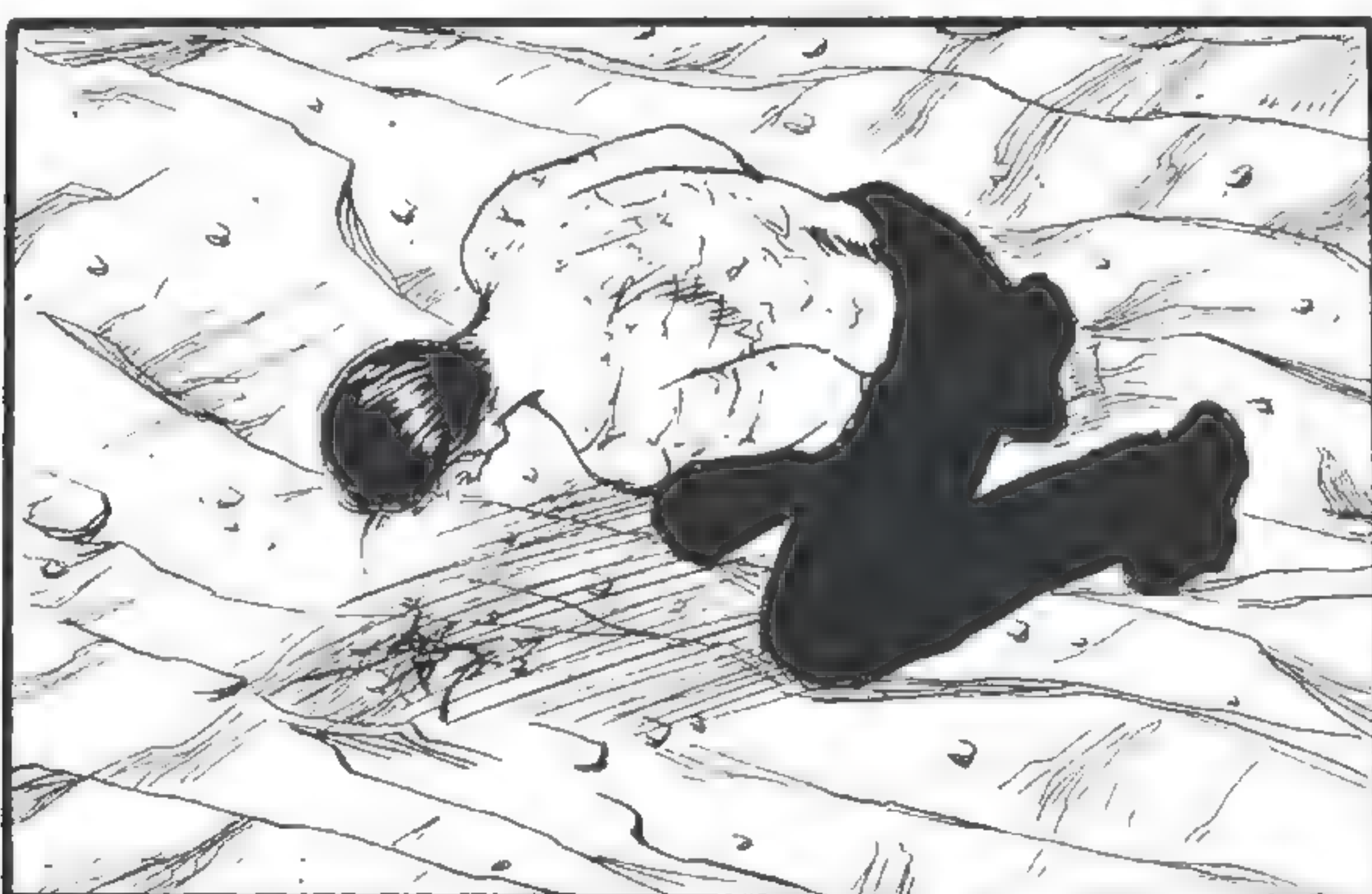


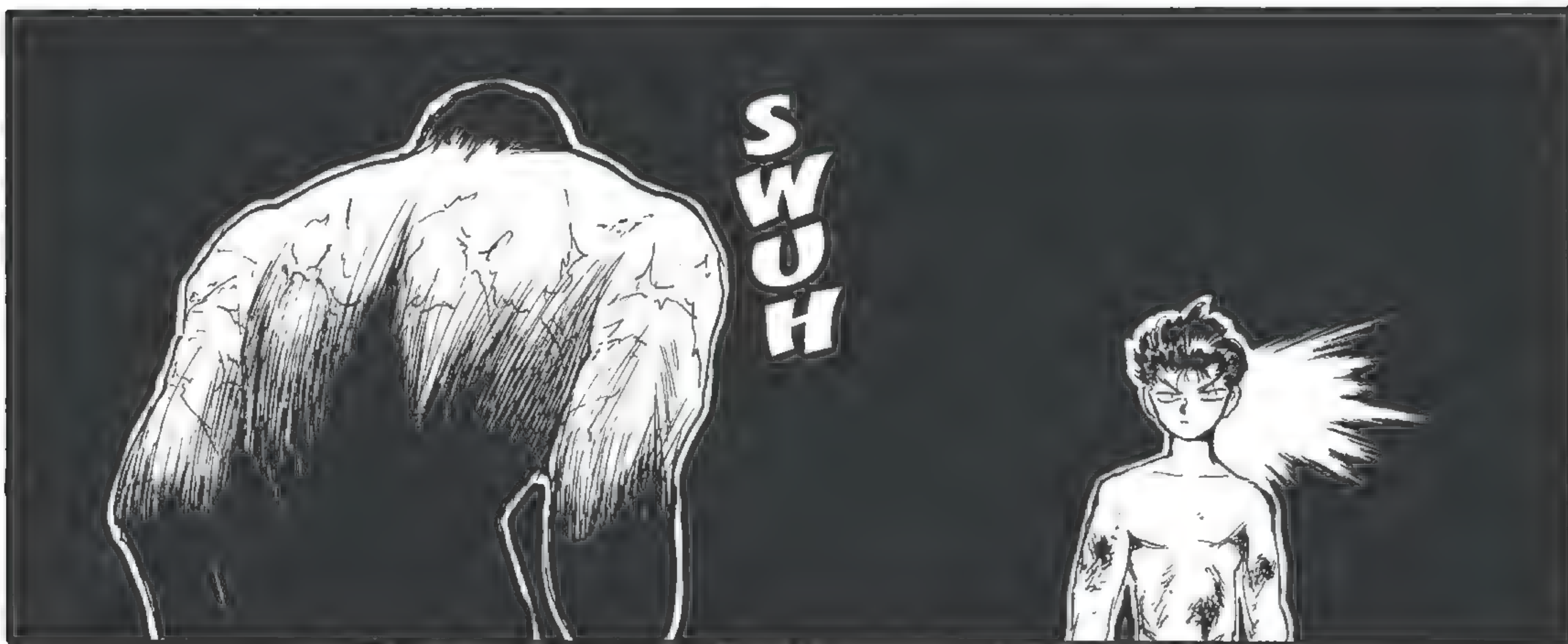
WASTE OF
MY TIME,
MAN.

Feh...







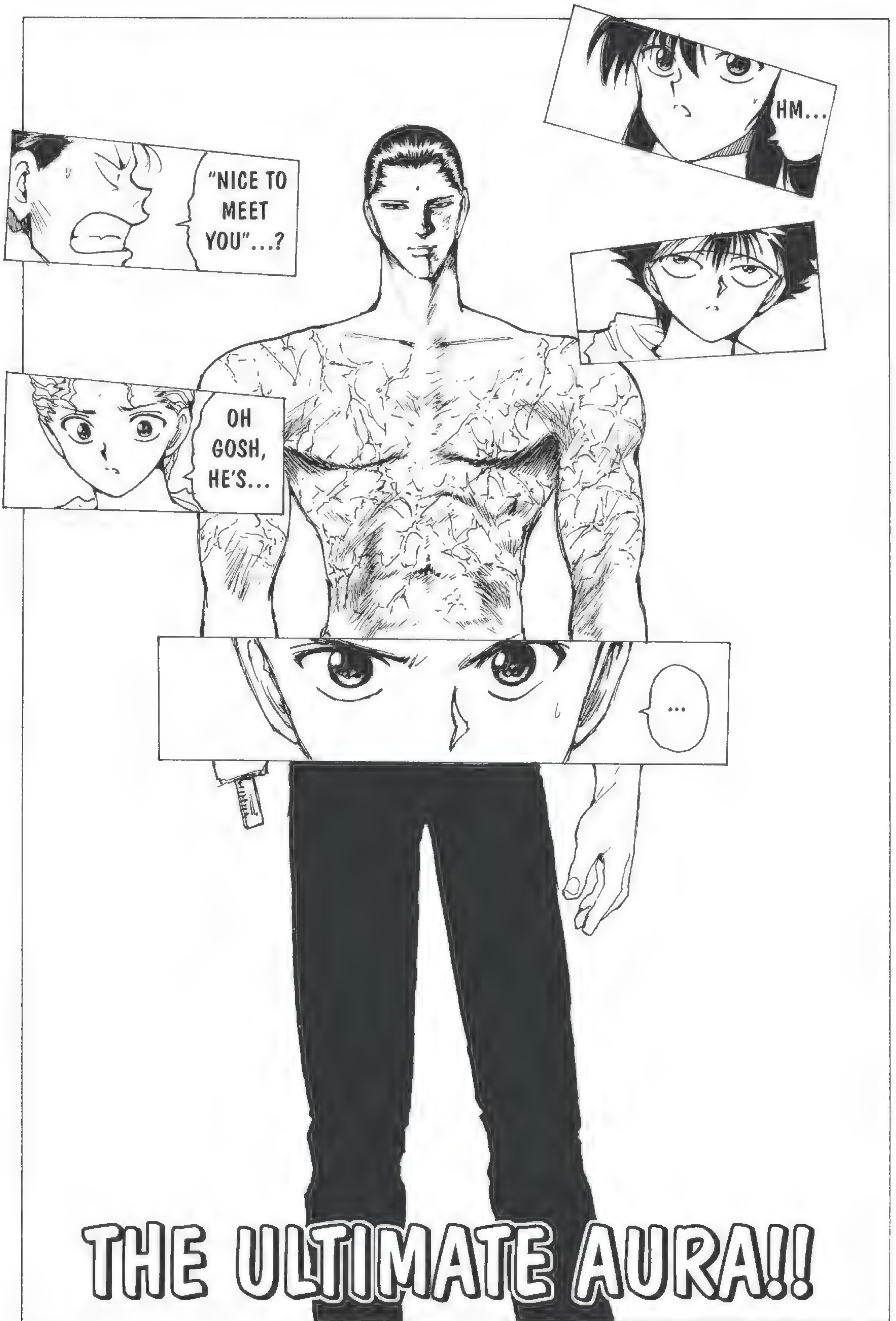


WELL?
WHO ARE
YOU?



NICE TO
MEET YOU.

I'M
SHINOBU.





IN FACT, THIS IS
THE FIRST TIME
I'VE BEEN "OUT"
IN QUITE A
WHILE.

WE'VE NEVER
ACTUALLY
TALKED BEFORE,
HAVE WE.



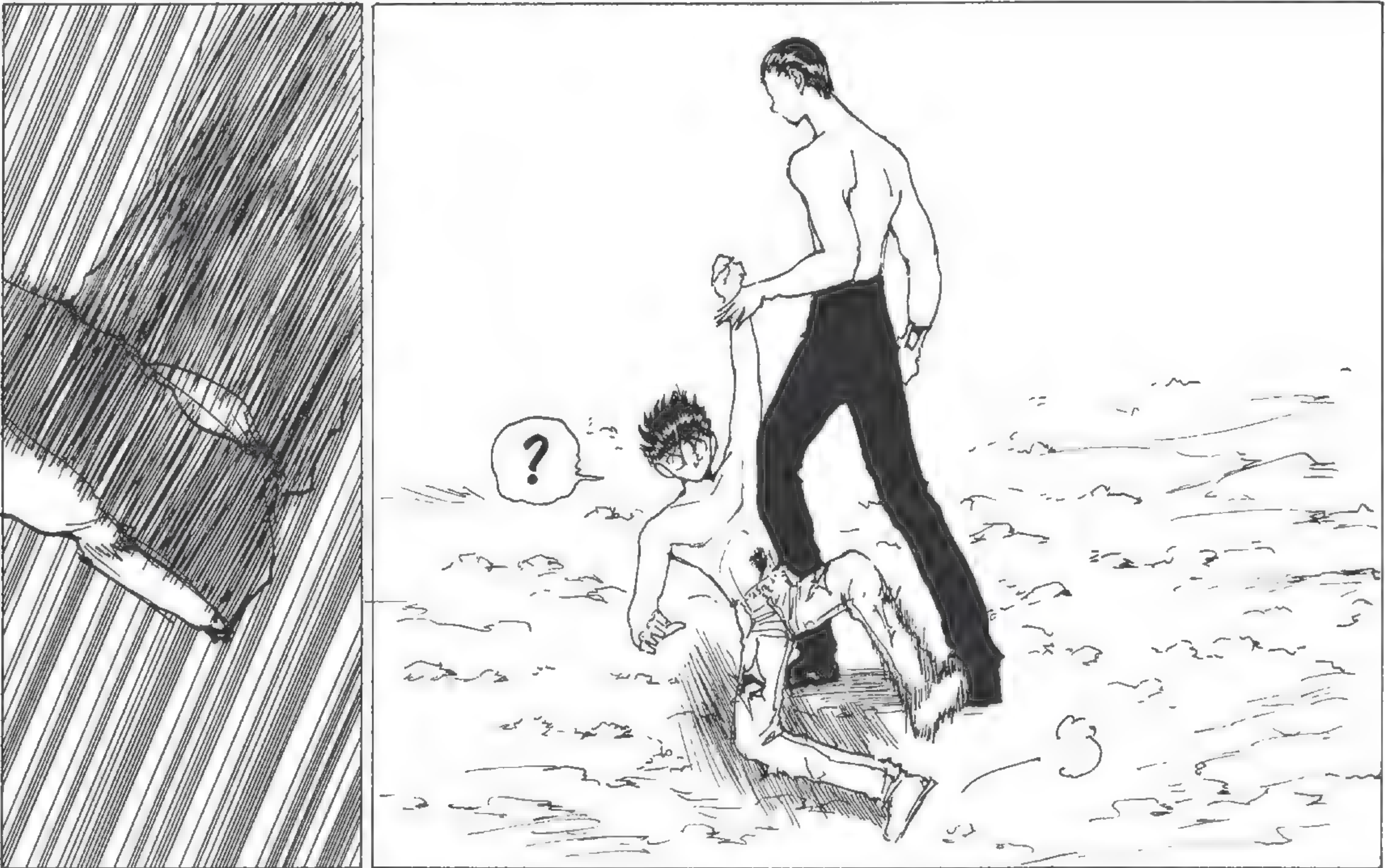
IT'S BEEN
YOUR
SHADOWS
ALL THIS
TIME!!!

HEH...
HEH
HEH...



HOW DO
YOU
DO?







**GYAAH
!!!**



STOMP



HAA

WAA

HAA

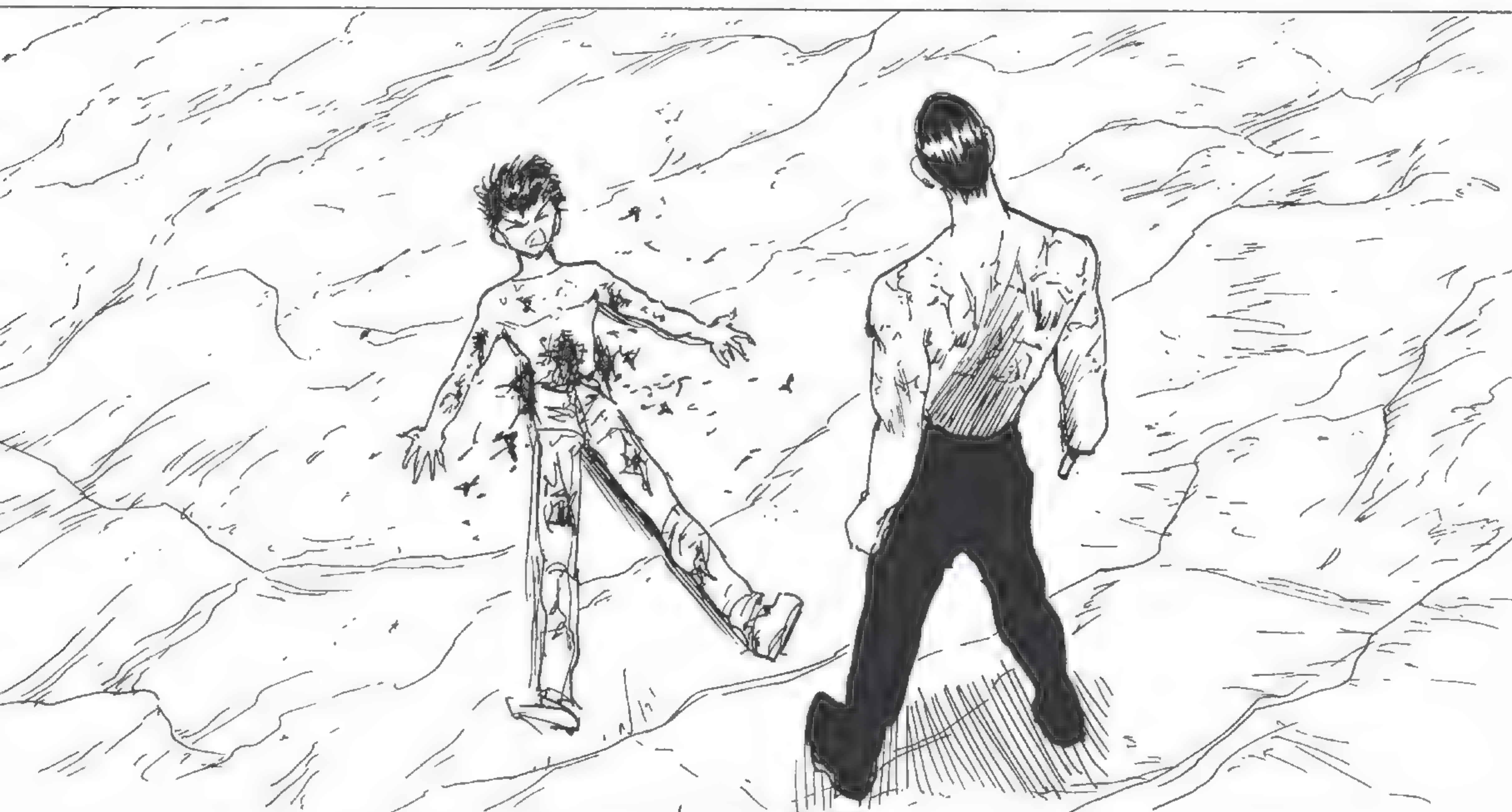
WAA

HAA

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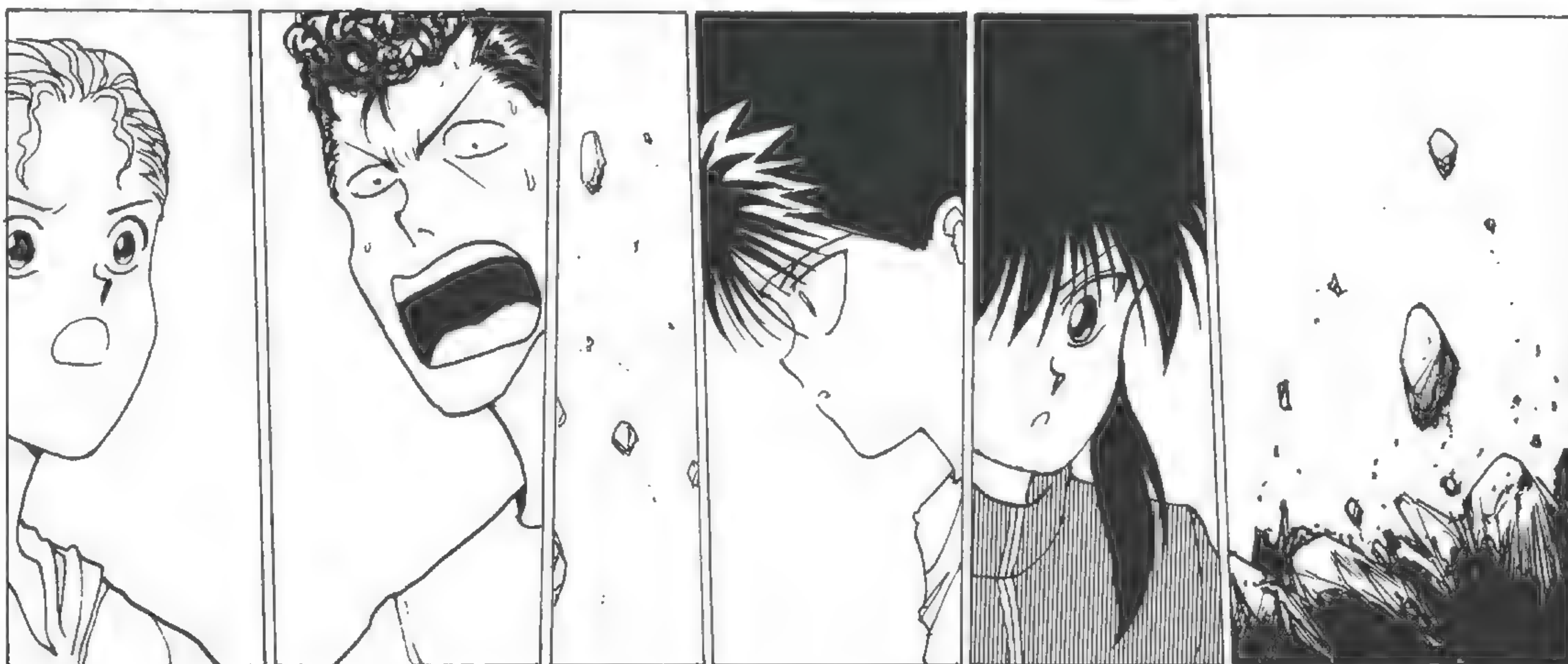
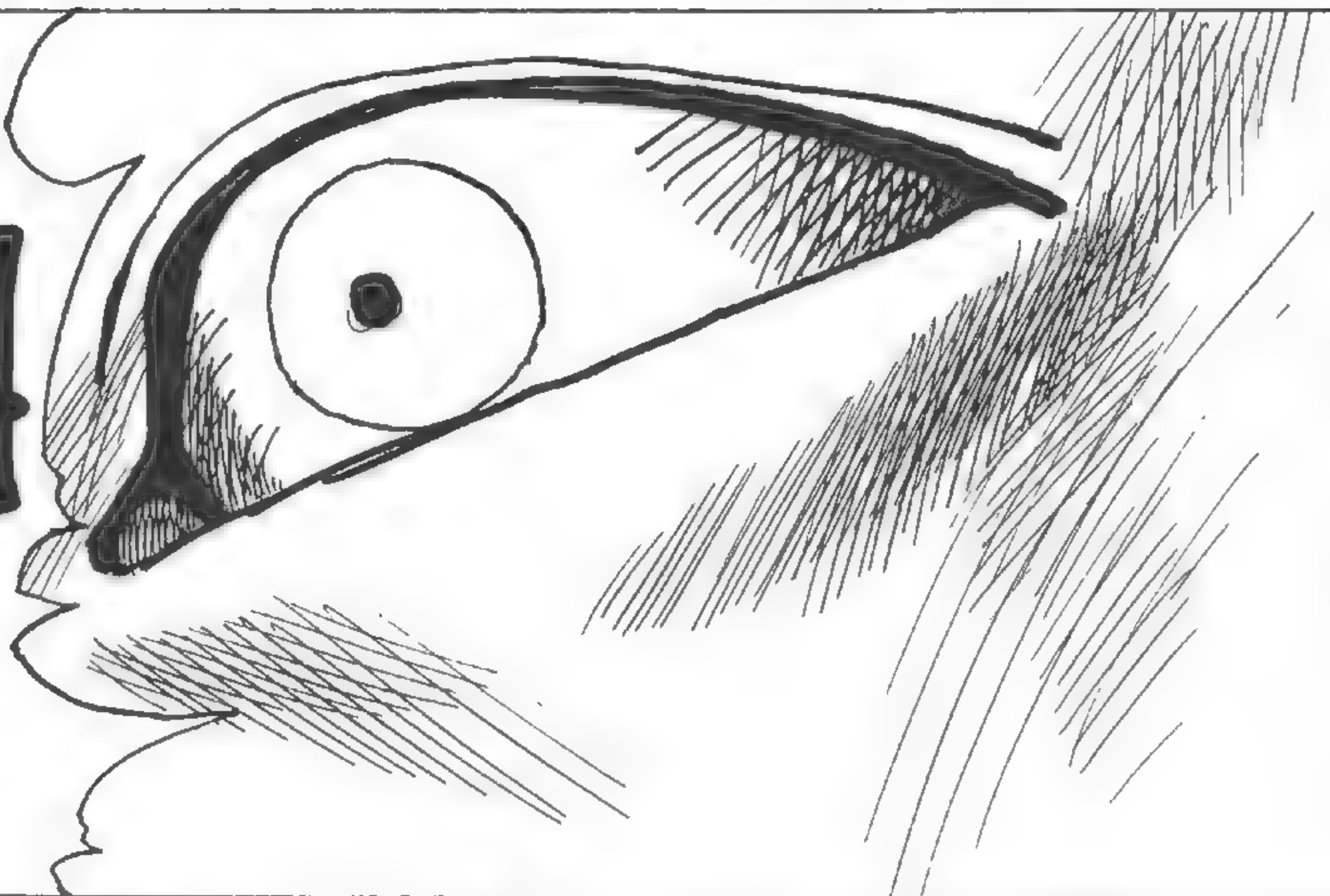




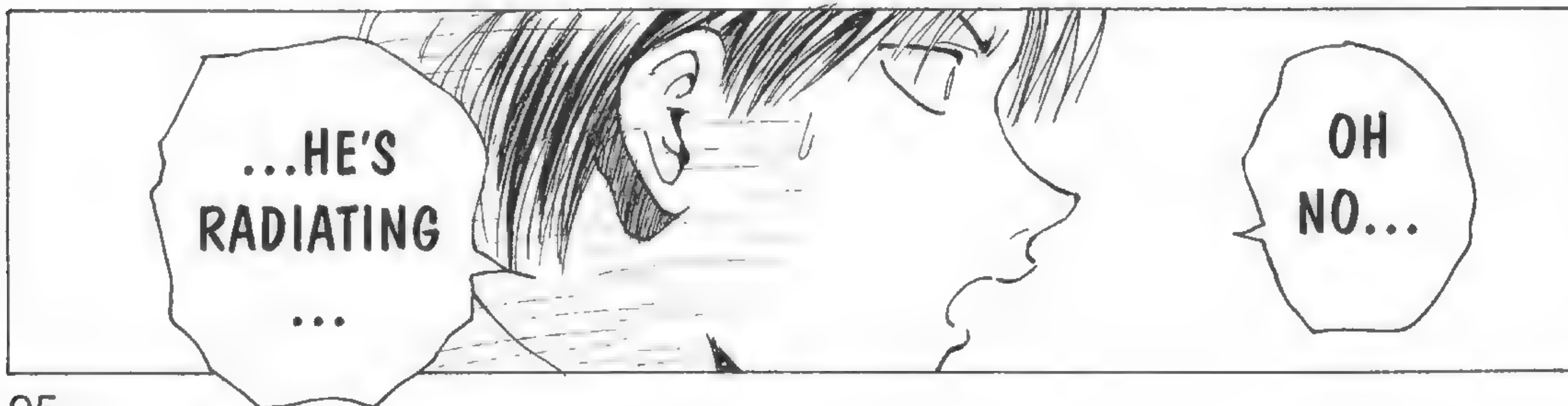
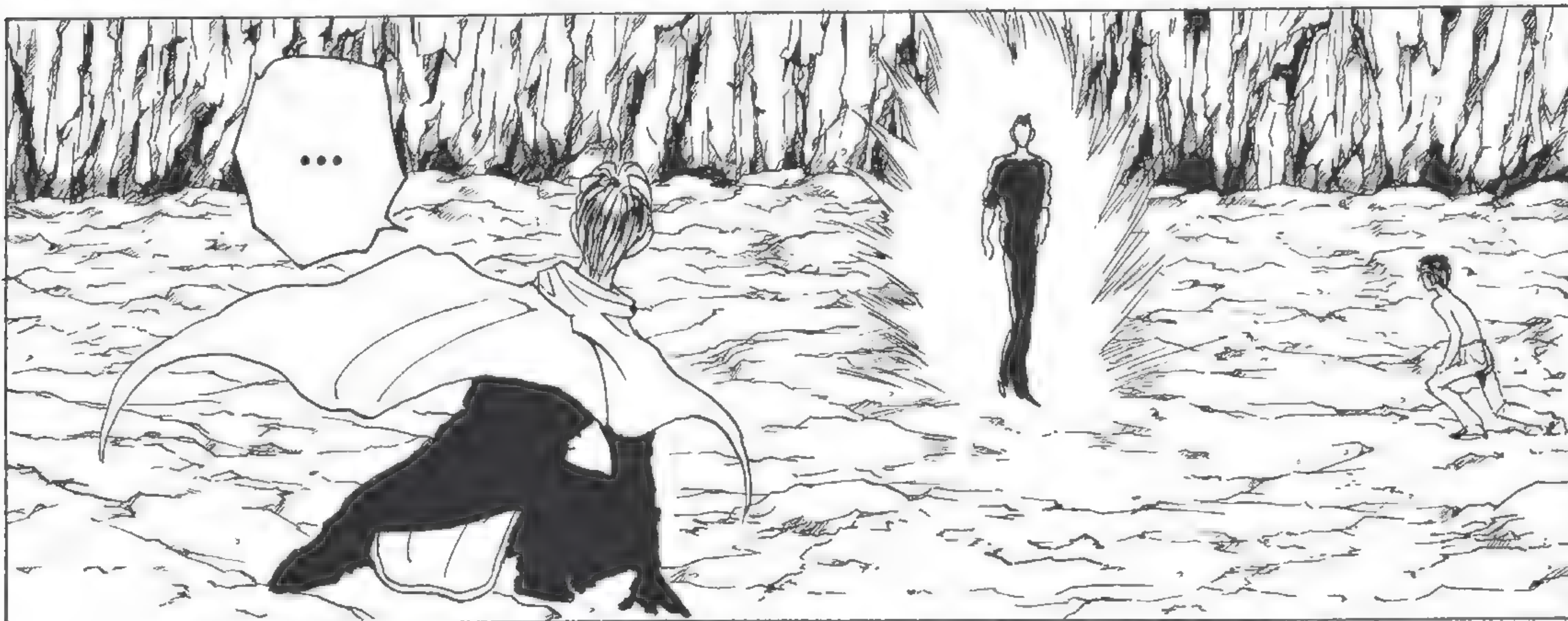
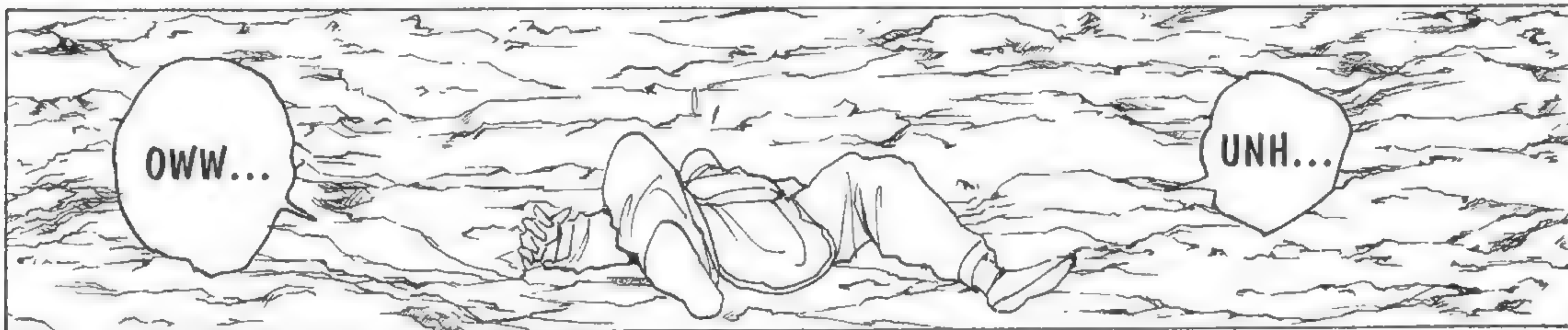




HA HA
HA HA
HA HA







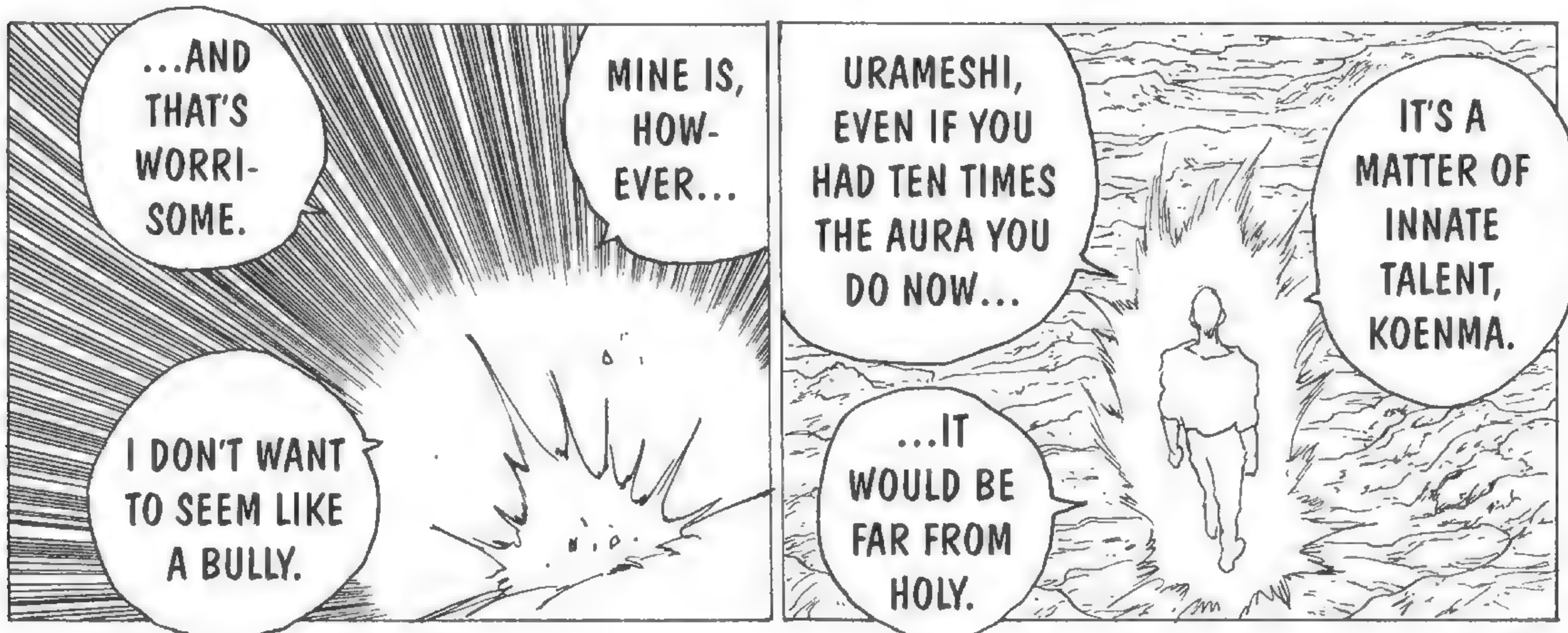


...**HOLY
CHI!!**



**YET YOU
HAVE, IN
JUST TEN
YEARS...**

**THE ULTIMATE
AURA! EVEN
GENKAI
COULDN'T
ATTAIN IT!!**



...AND
THAT'S
WORRI-
SOME.

MINE IS,
HOW-
EVER...

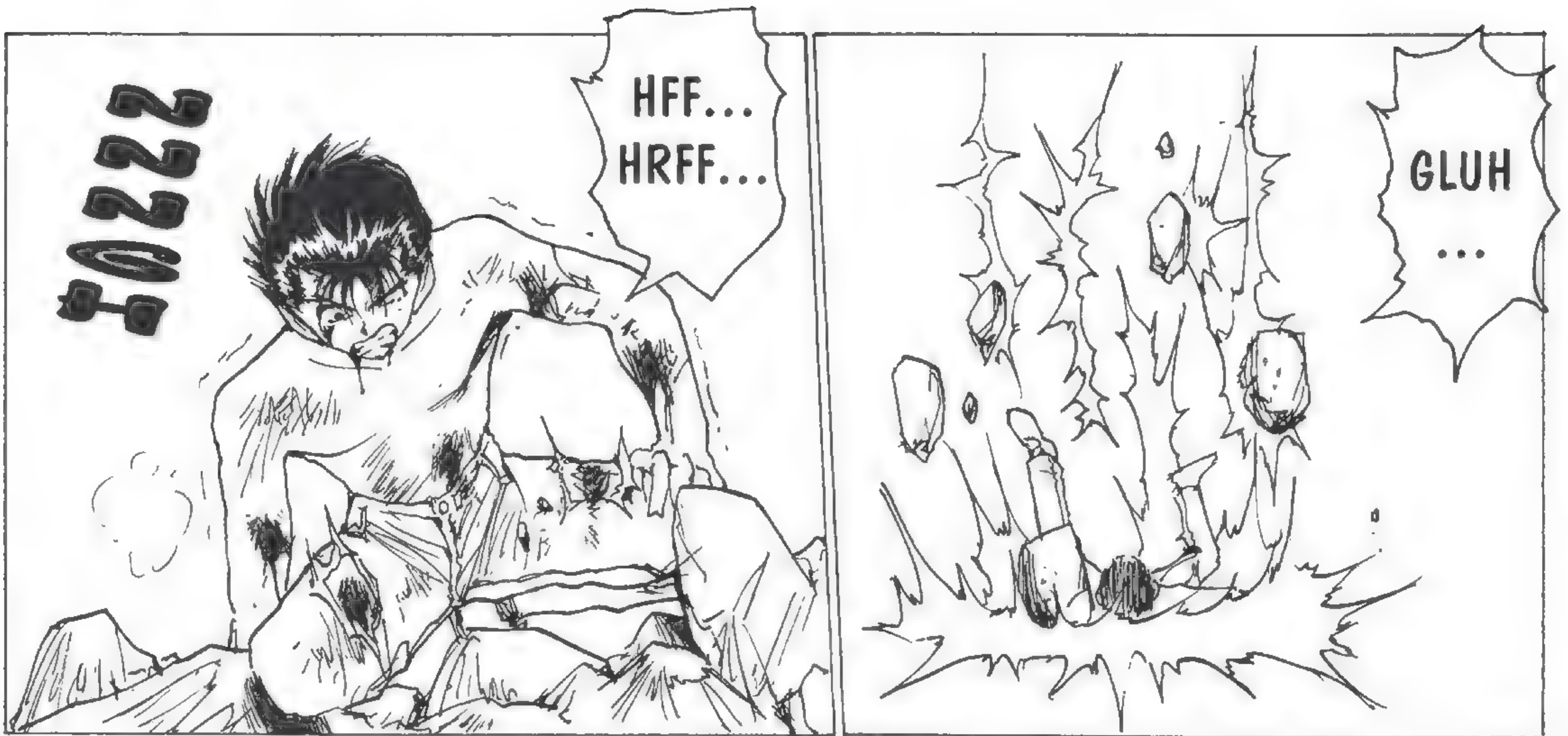
URAMESHI,
EVEN IF YOU
HAD TEN TIMES
THE AURA YOU
DO NOW...

IT'S A
MATTER OF
INNATE
TALENT,
KOENMA.

I DON'T WANT
TO SEEM LIKE
A BULLY.

...IT
WOULD BE
FAR FROM
HOLY.

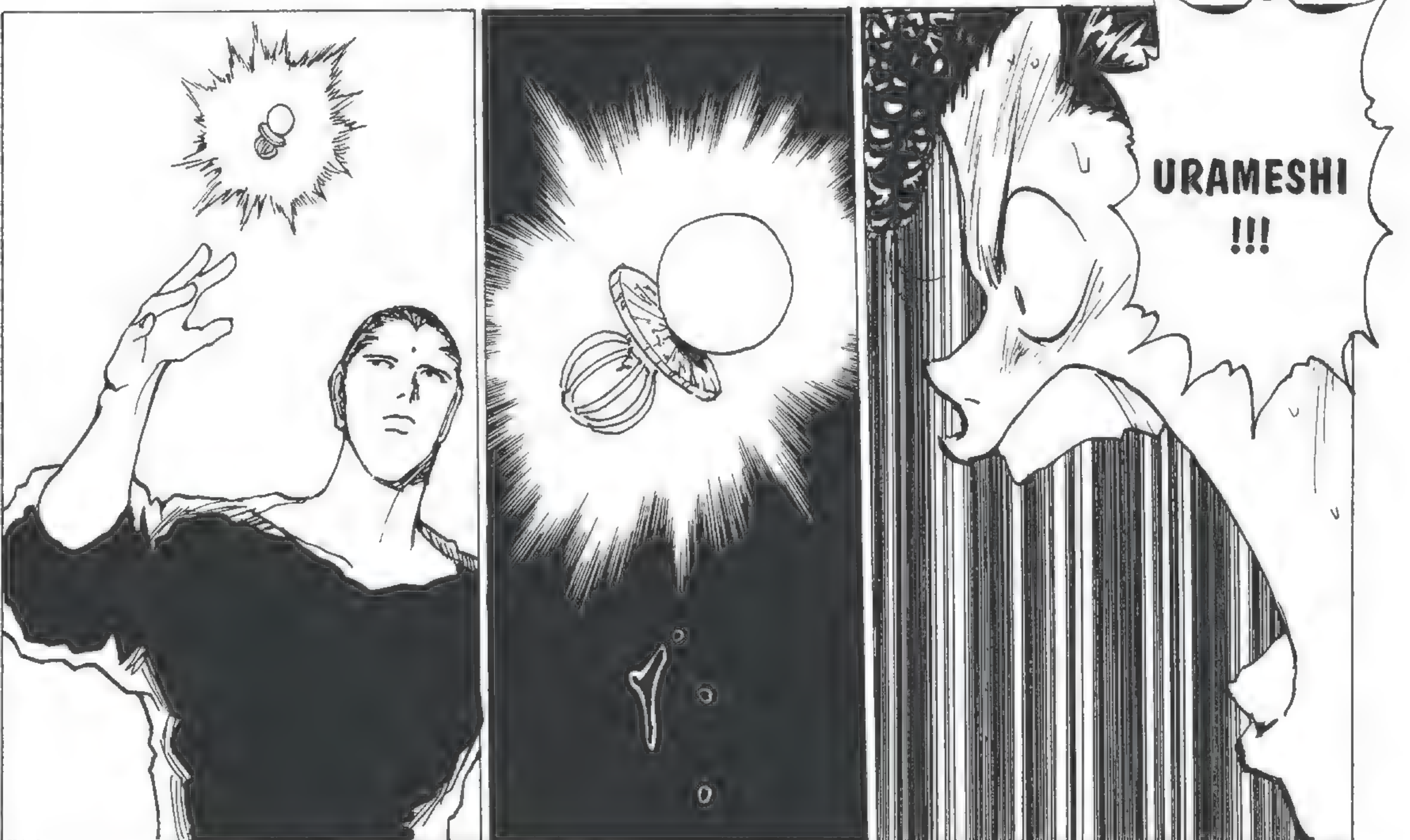




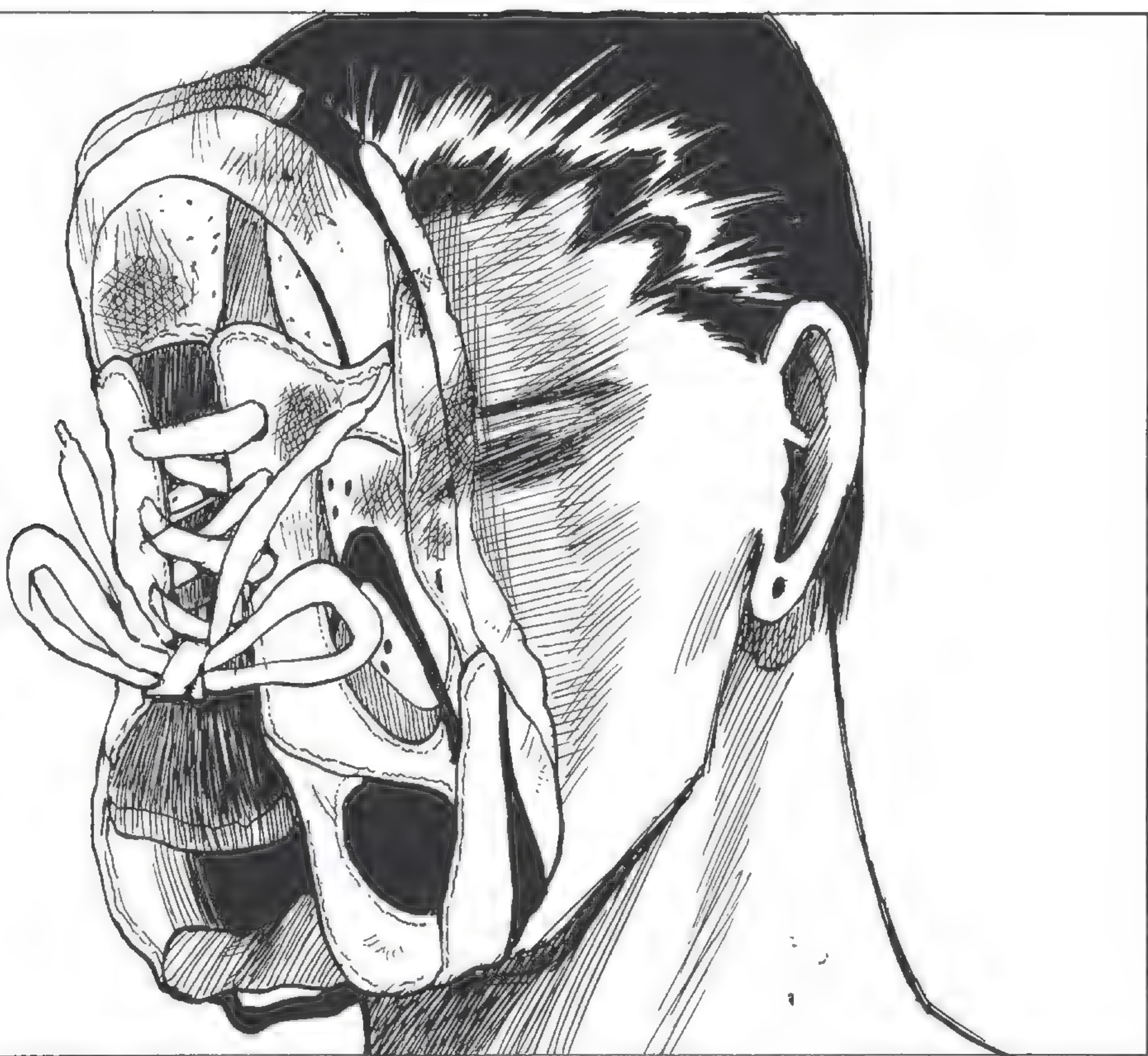


YOU
NEED
SOME
REST.





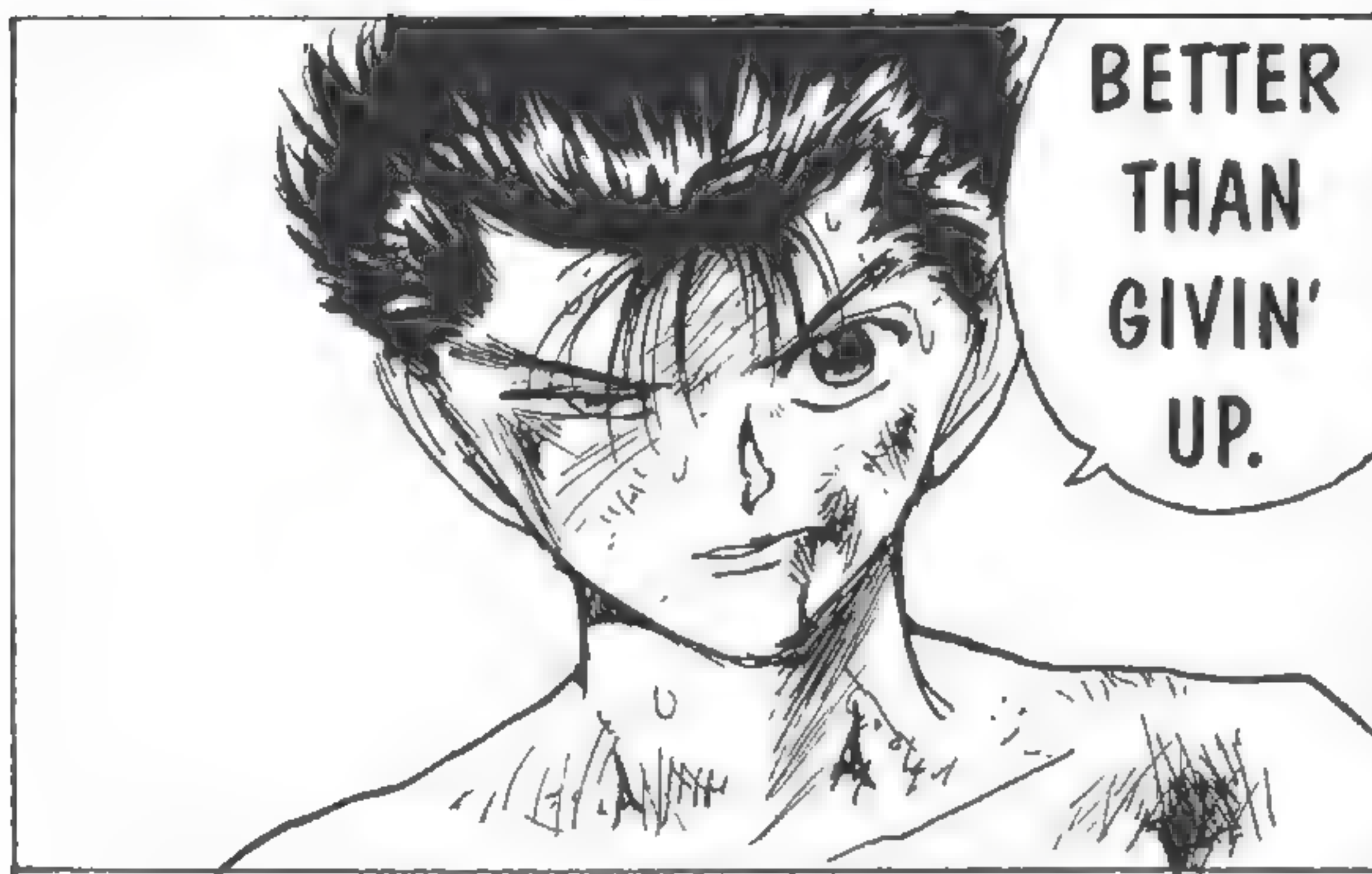
**B
O
P**

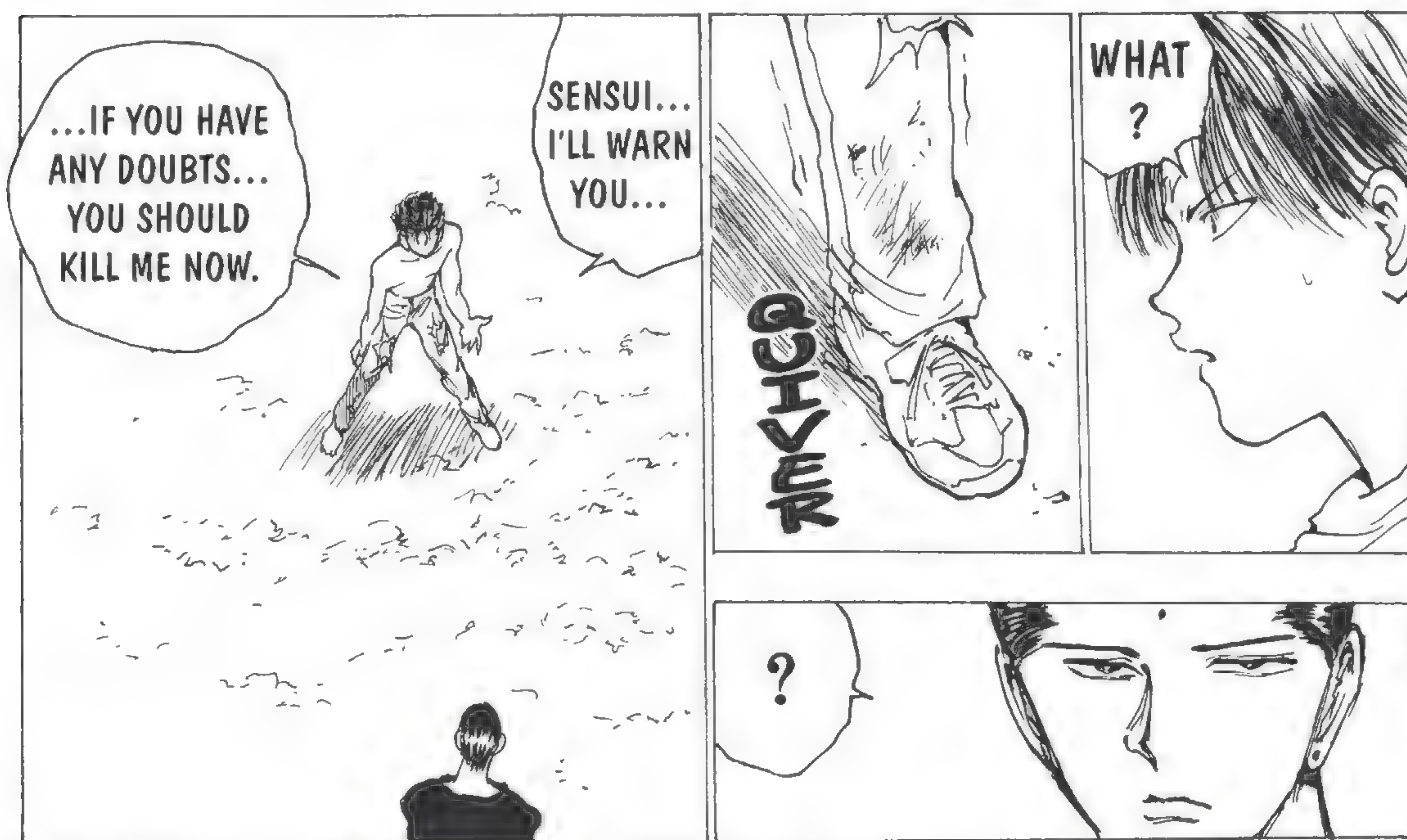


IT WON'T
BE THAT
EASY, PAL.

HEH
HEH...







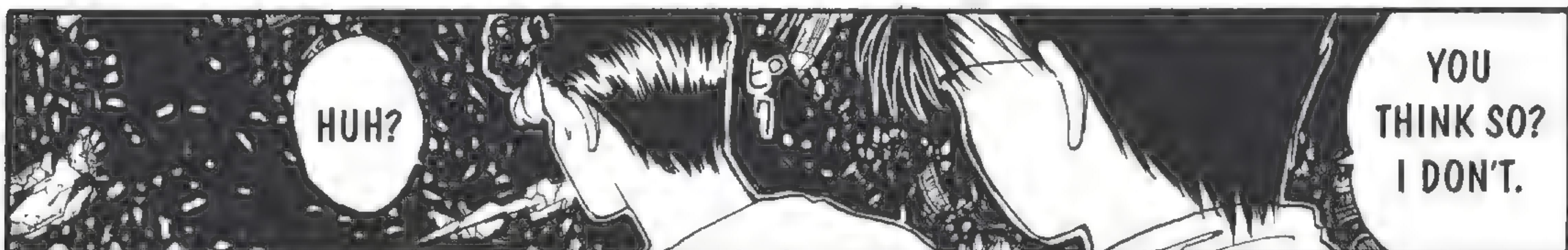
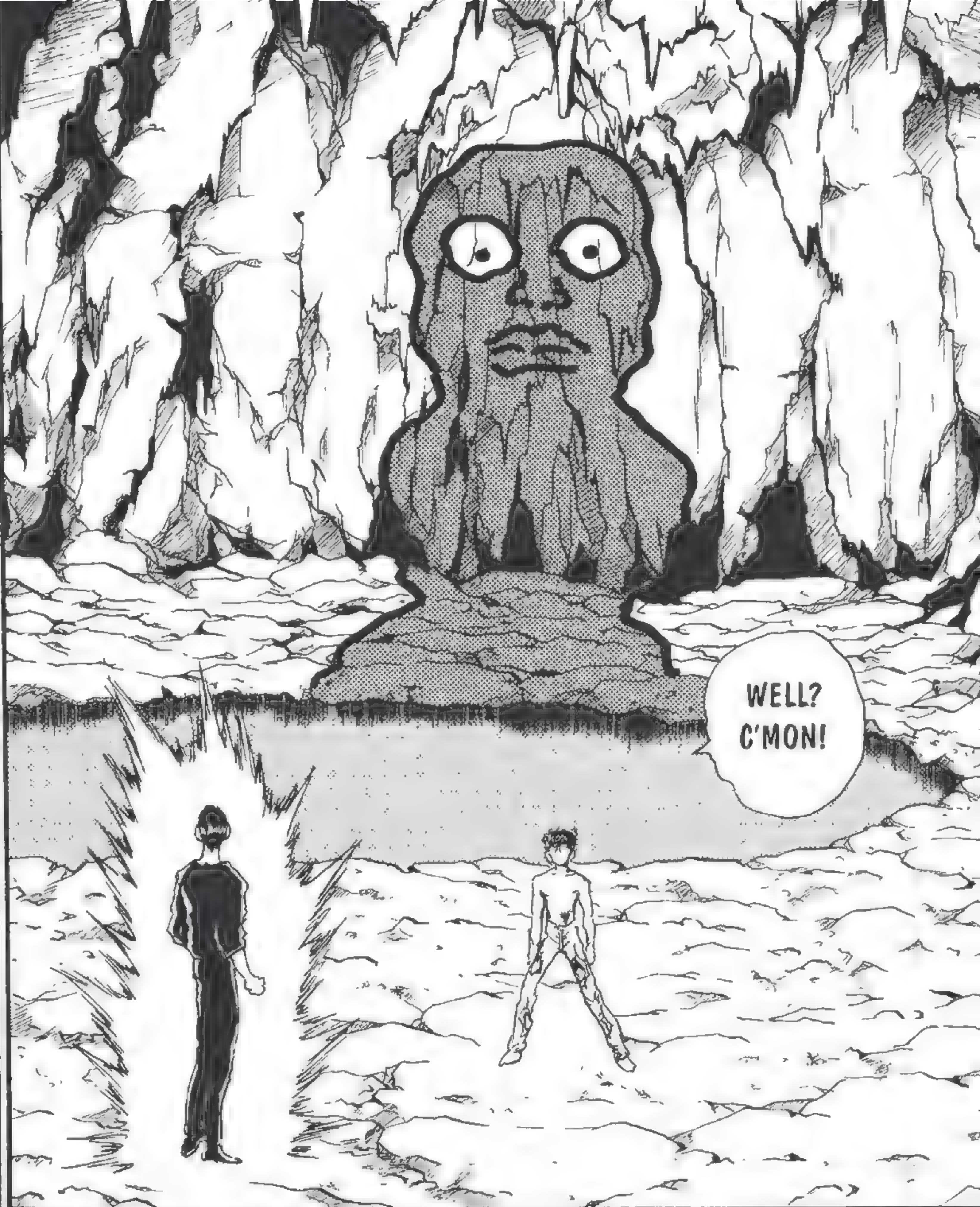


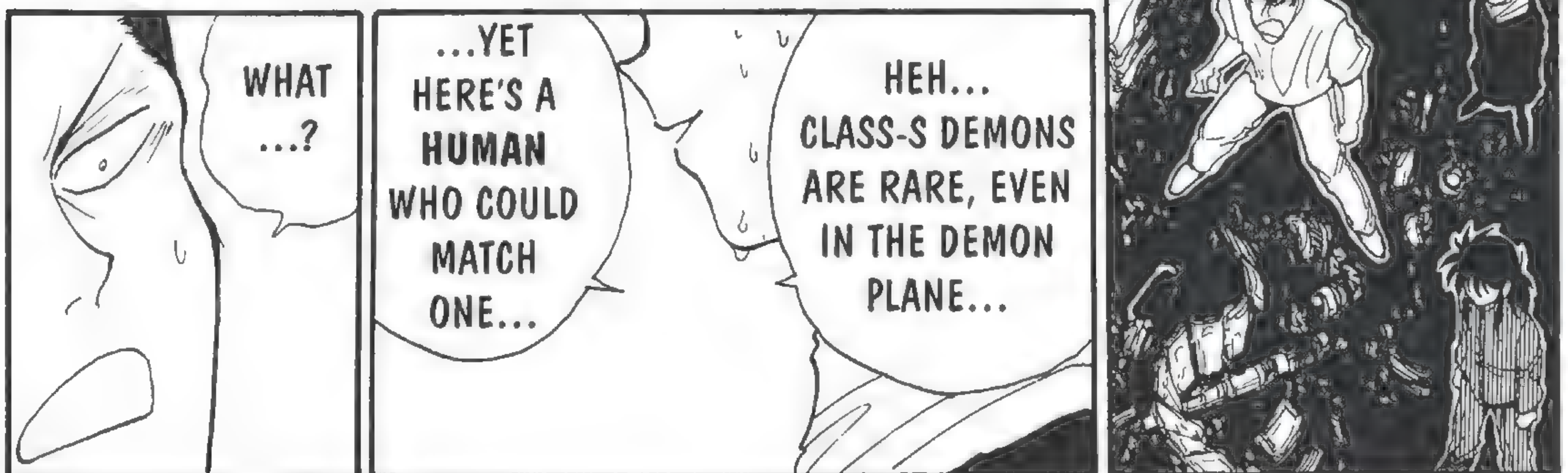
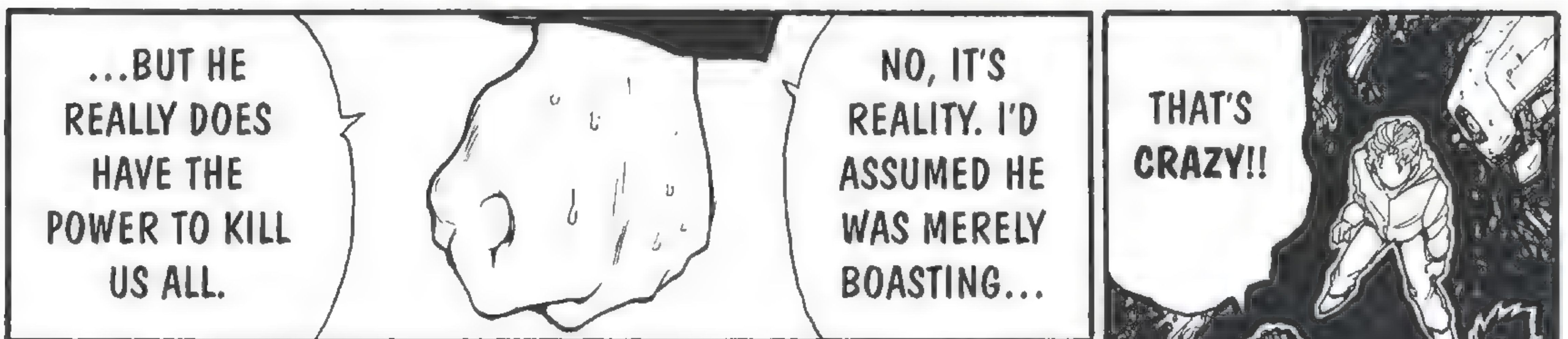
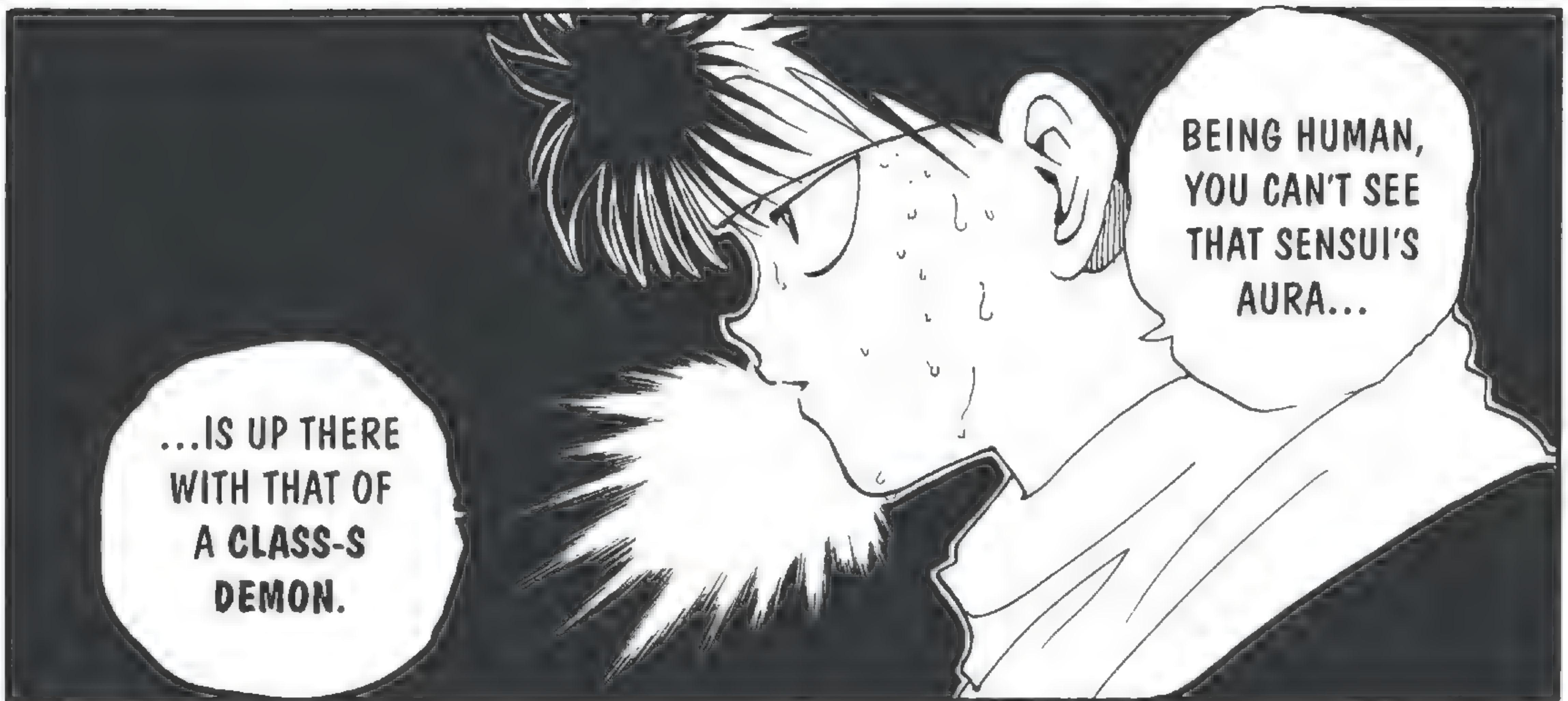
UNSTOPPABLE!!

I SUGGEST
YOU FINISH
ME OFF...
BEFORE IT
DOES...

SOMETHING
AMAZING'S
GONNA
HAPPEN.





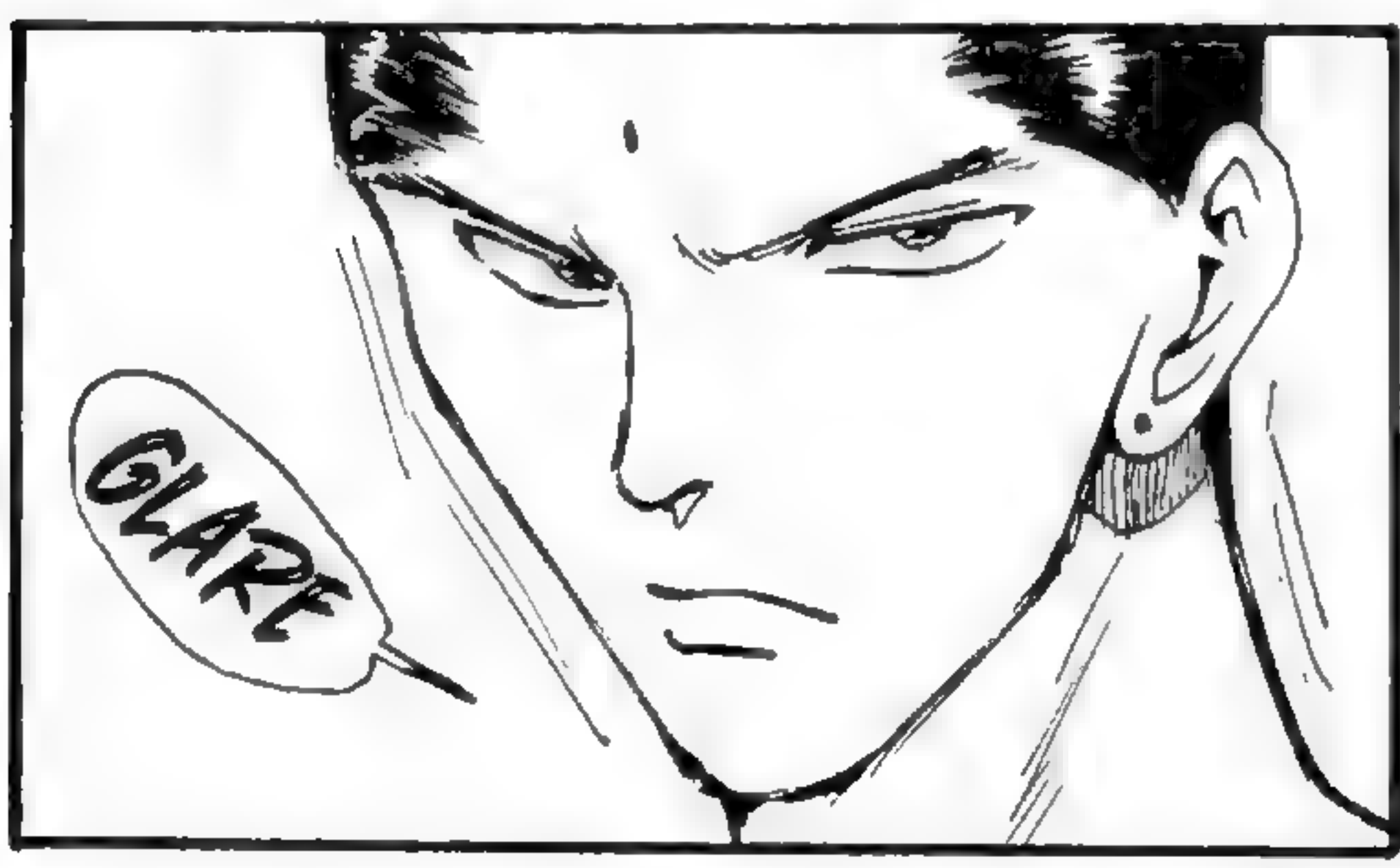






YOU WANT
TO DESTROY
THE
WORLD...

WHY
BOTHER?



GLARE



SHOW ME
WHAT YOU
GOT.

...SO GO
AHEAD AND
DO IT.



**YOU'RE
AS BLIND
AS THE
REST!!!**

**YOU
FOOL!**

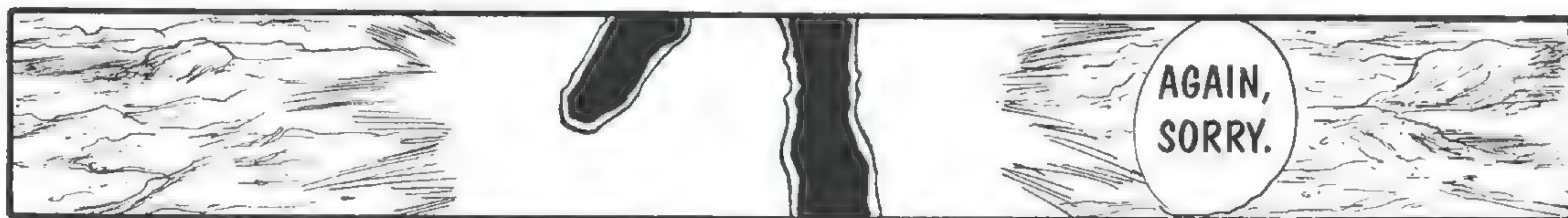


S
LAM
ACK!



RO

WHOA!

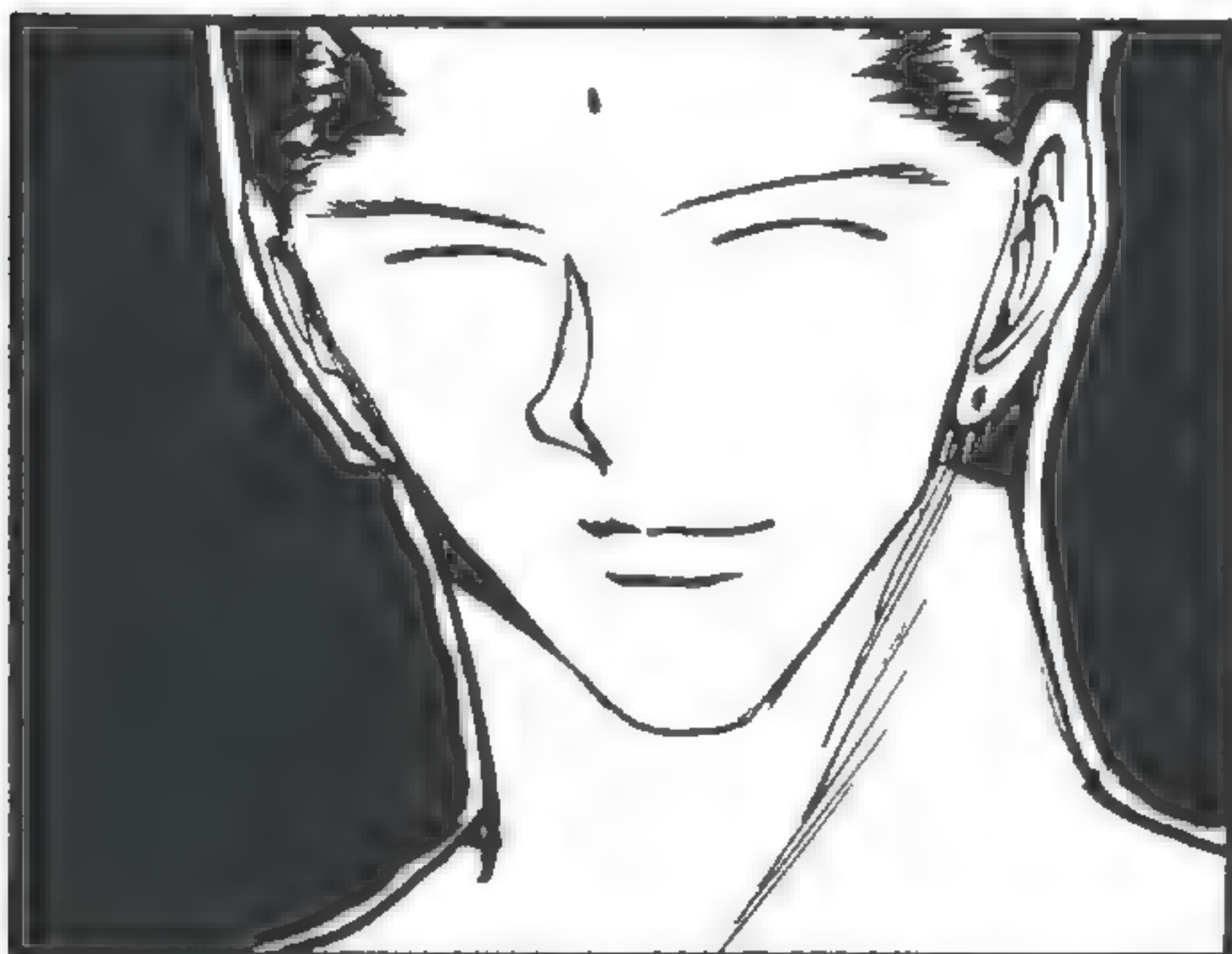


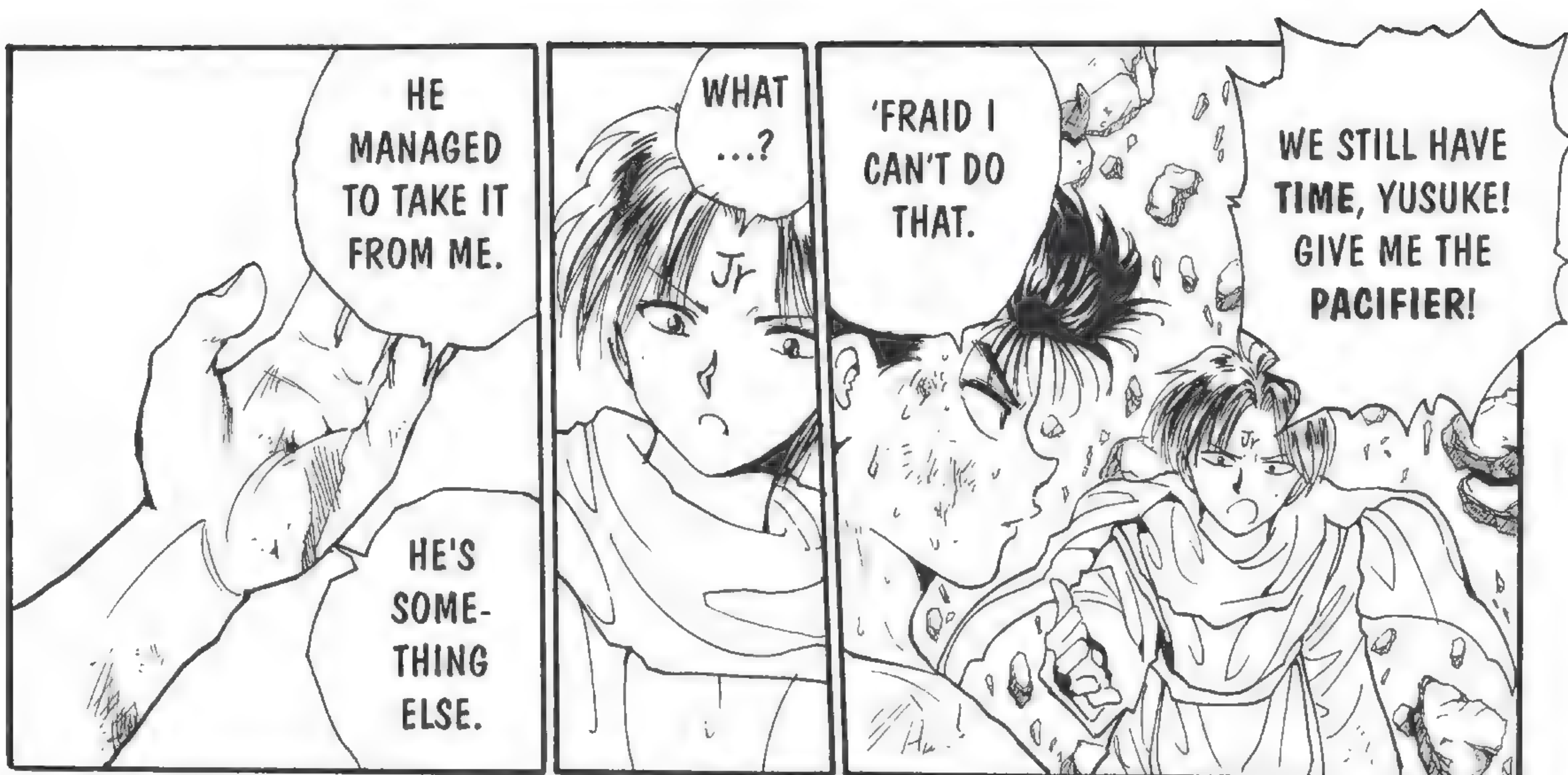
AGAIN,
SORRY.



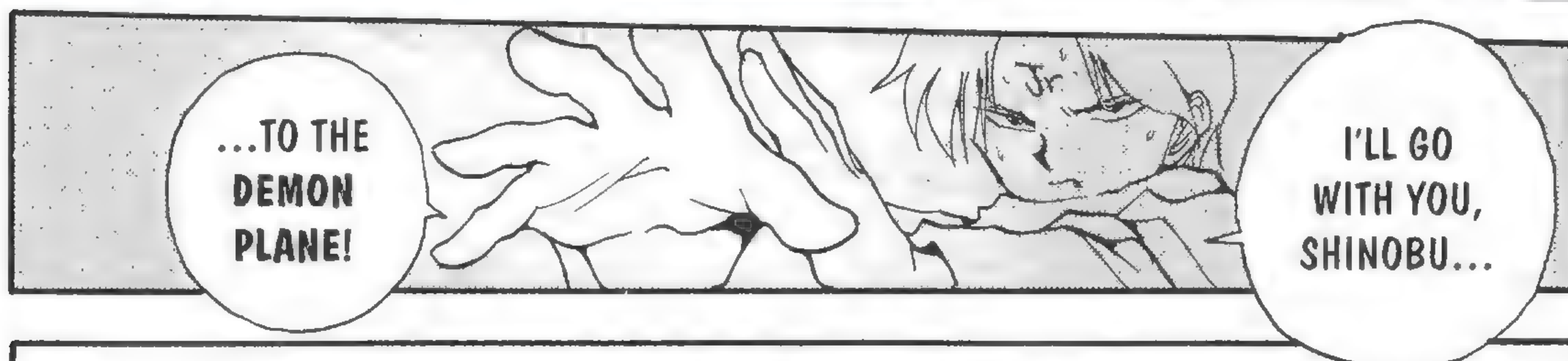
...BUT I
DESPISE ITS
HUMANS.

I LOVE THE
WORLD, ITS AIR
AND SKY, ITS
FLOWERS AND
ANIMALS...





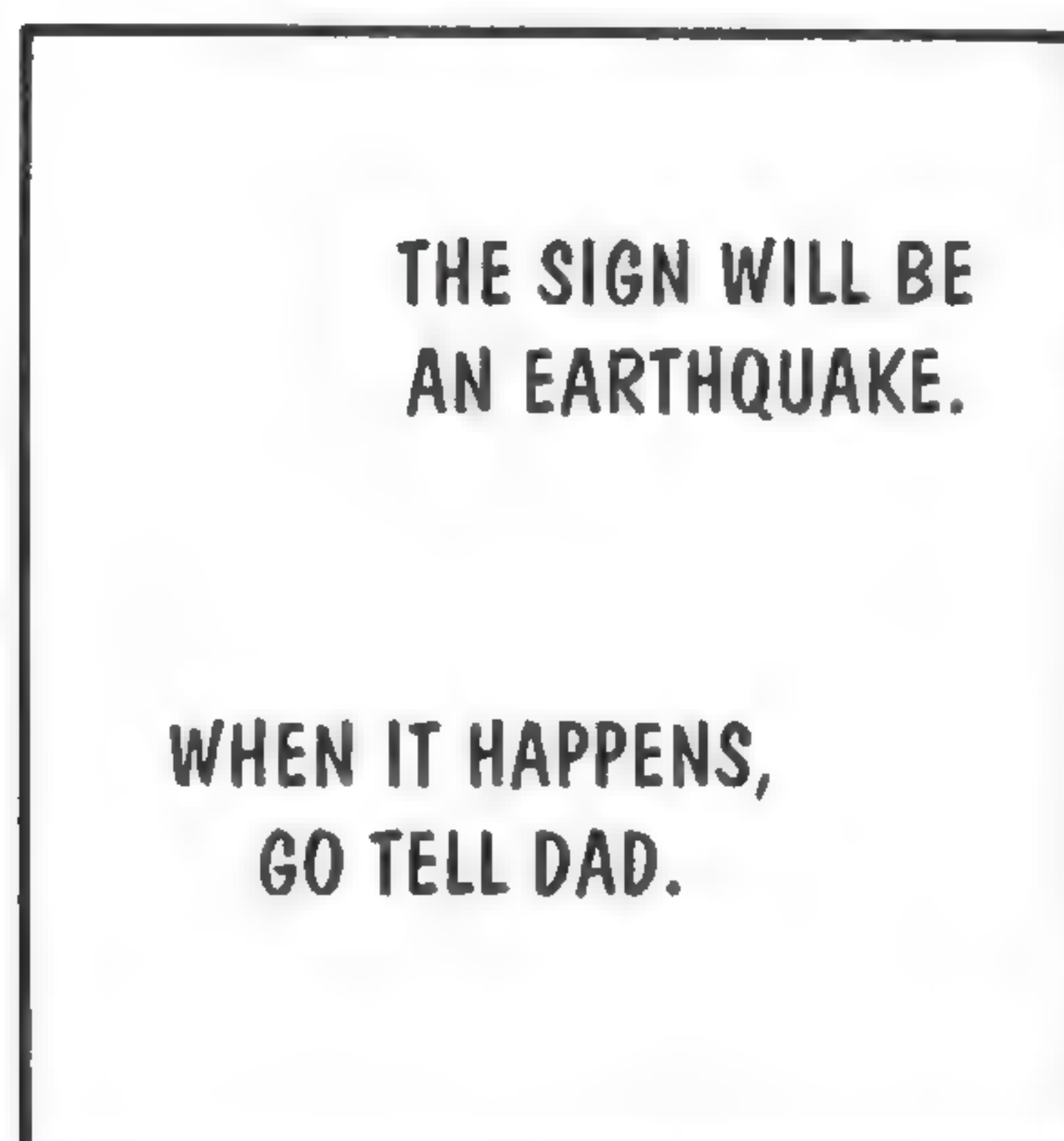
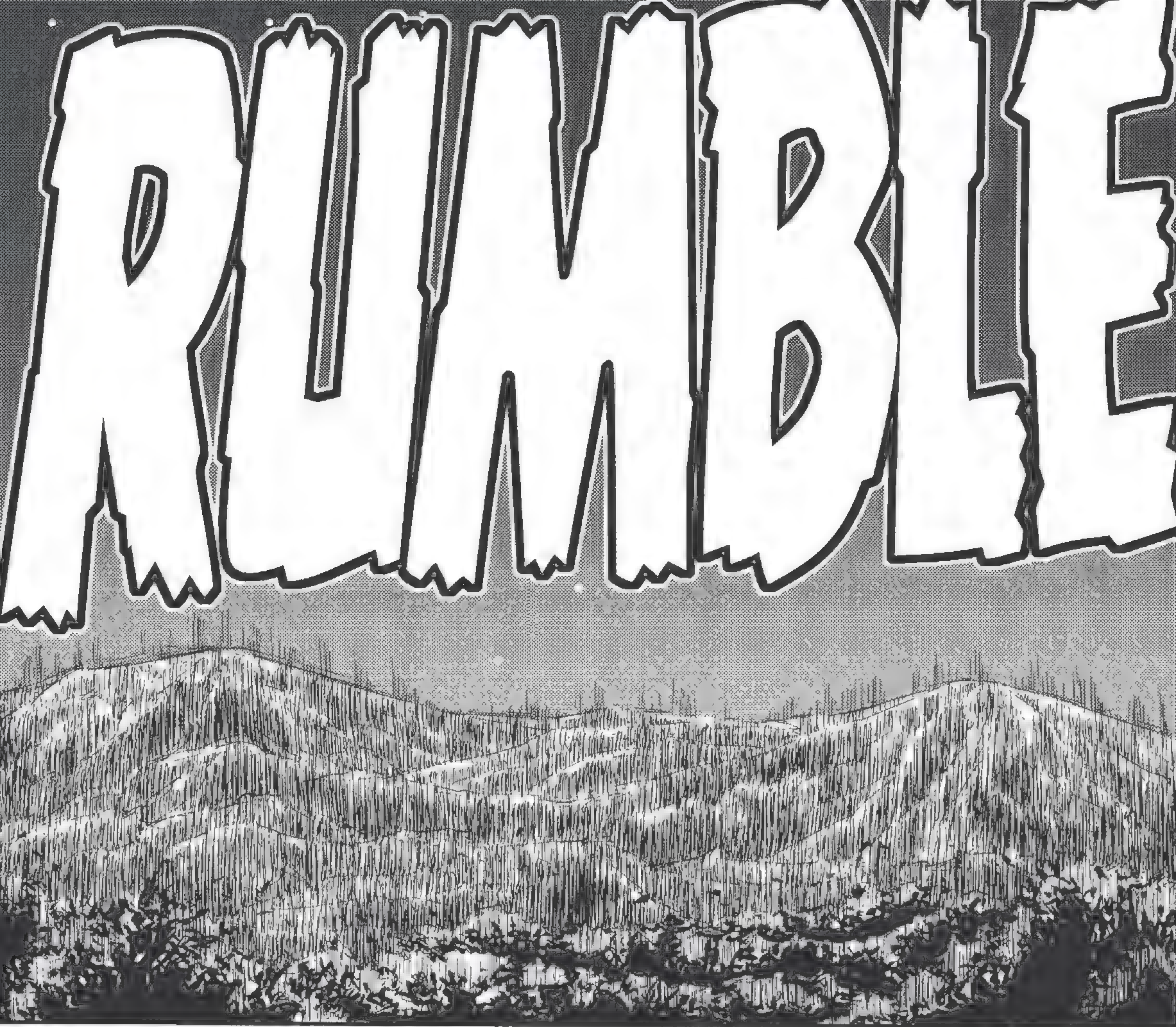


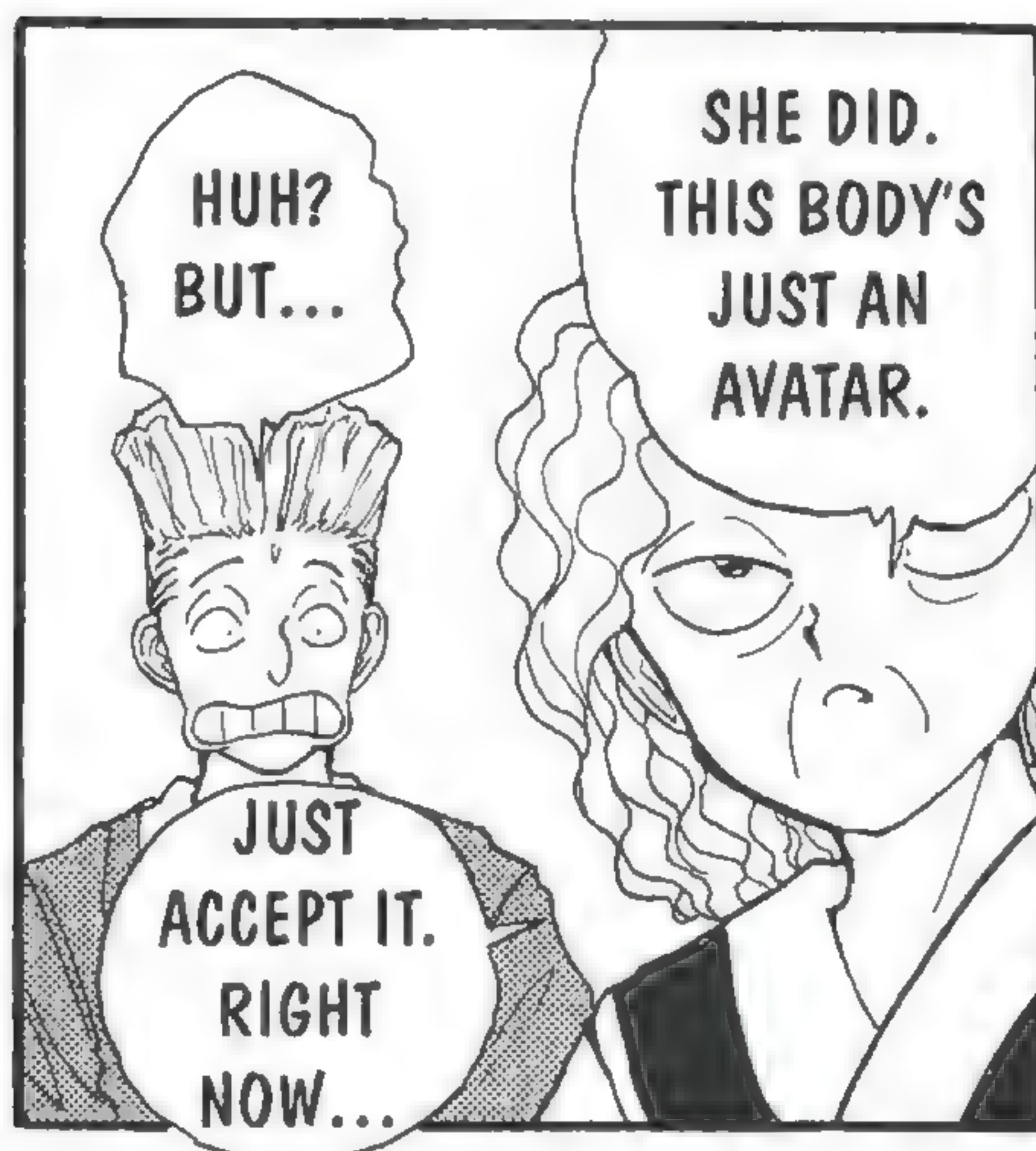
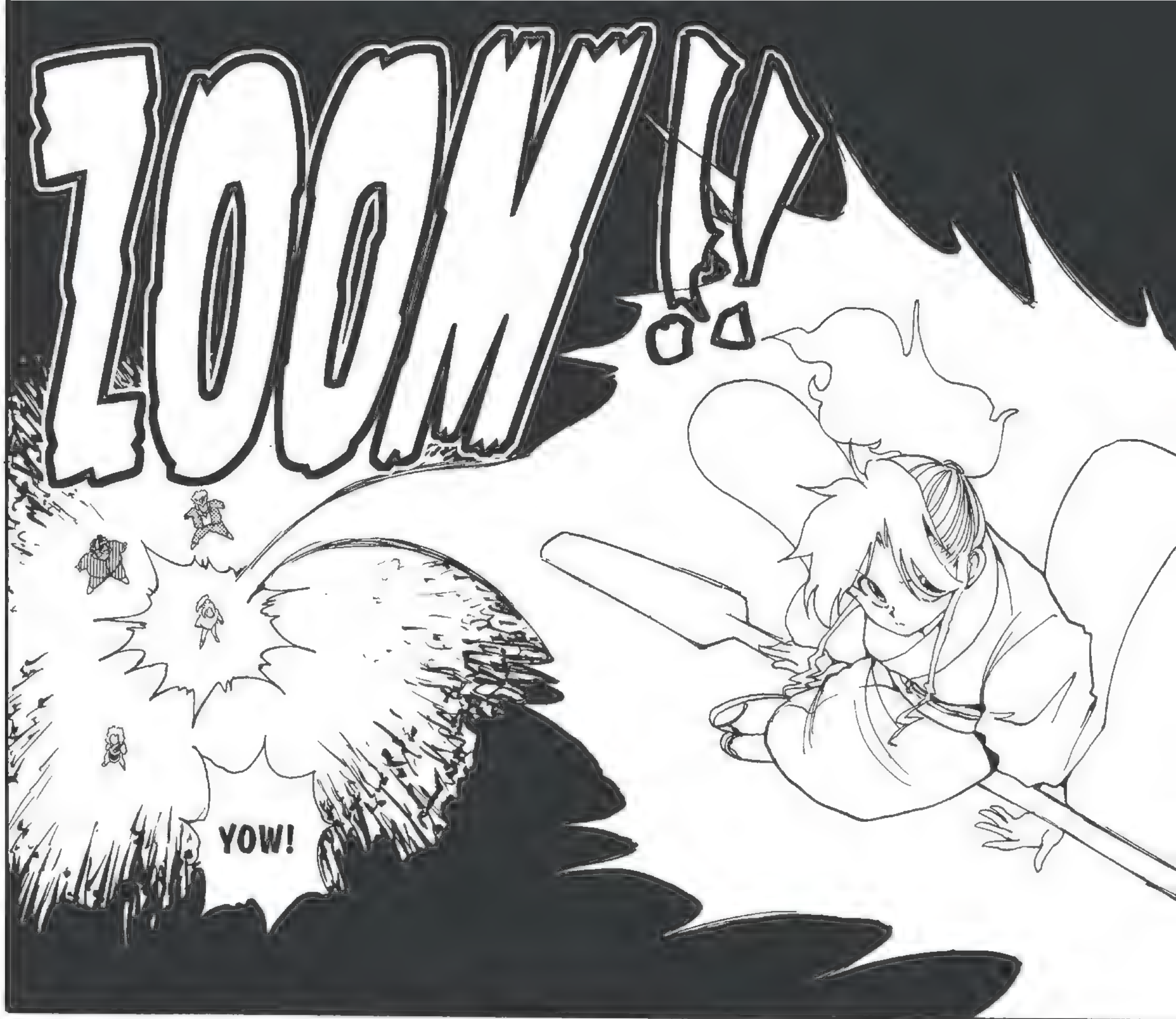


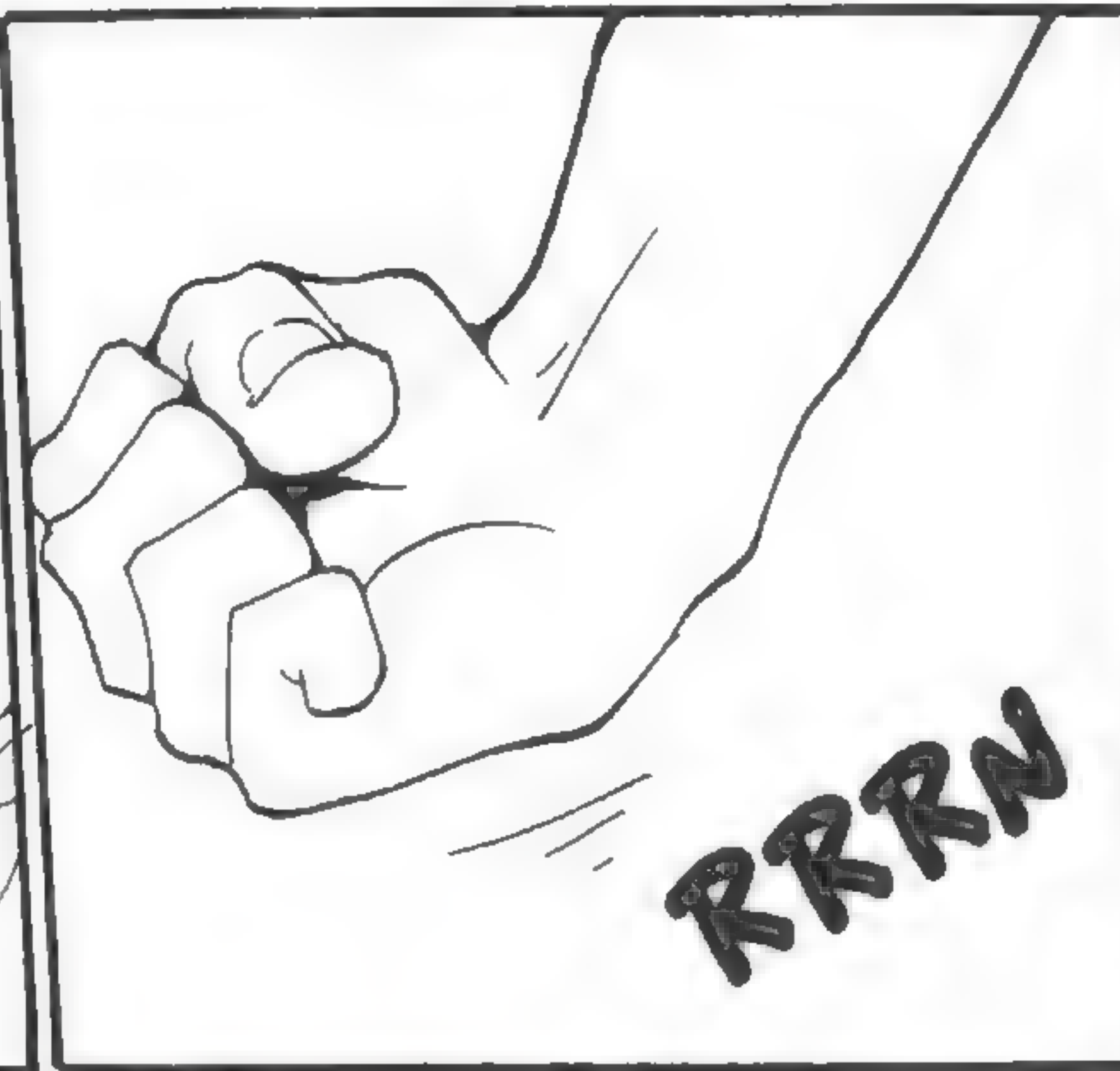
EVIL SEAL RING

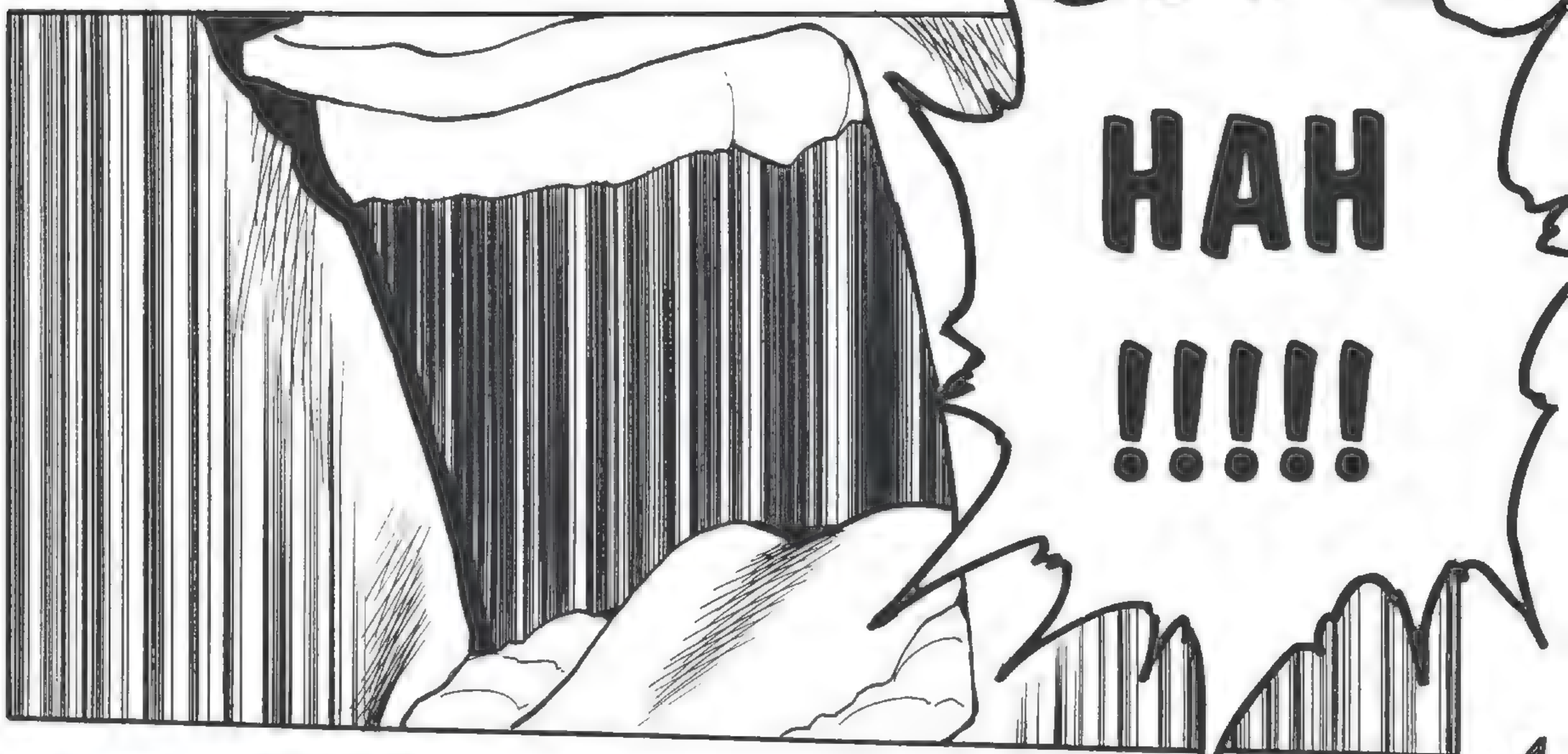
THE MOST POWERFUL DEFENSIVE SPELL IN THE UNDERWORLD. AURA IS STORED FOR DECADES IN A SACRED APPARATUS (KOENMA'S PACIFIER, IN THIS CASE) AND UNLEASHED AS A POWERFUL FORCE FIELD AGAINST AN ENEMY. ESPECIALLY EFFECTIVE ON CREATURES FROM THE DEMON PLANE, IT CAN EVEN IMMOBILIZE CLASS-S DEMONS.

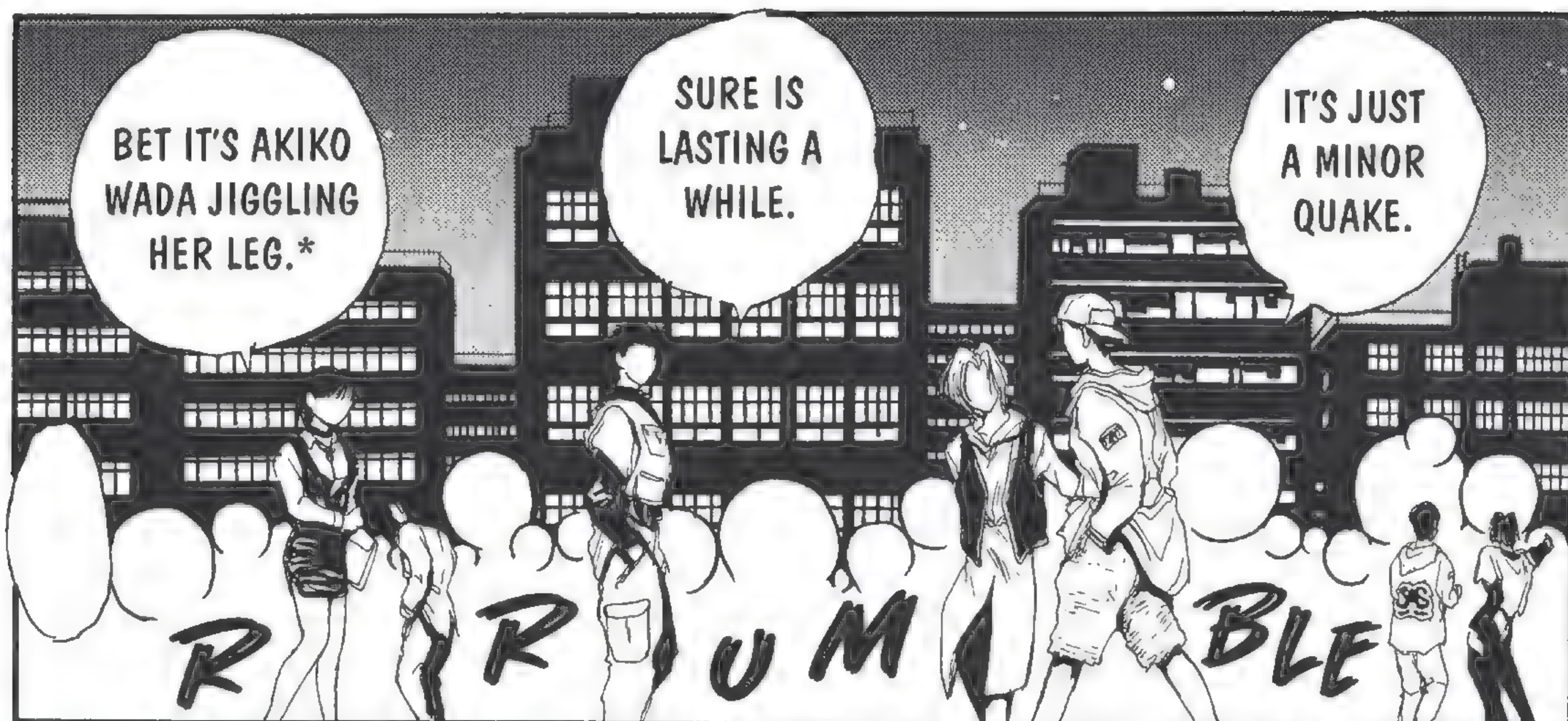
KOENMA HAS USED IT TWICE IN THE PAST, BUT THIS IS THE FIRST TIME HE'S WIELDED IT AGAINST A HUMAN BEING.







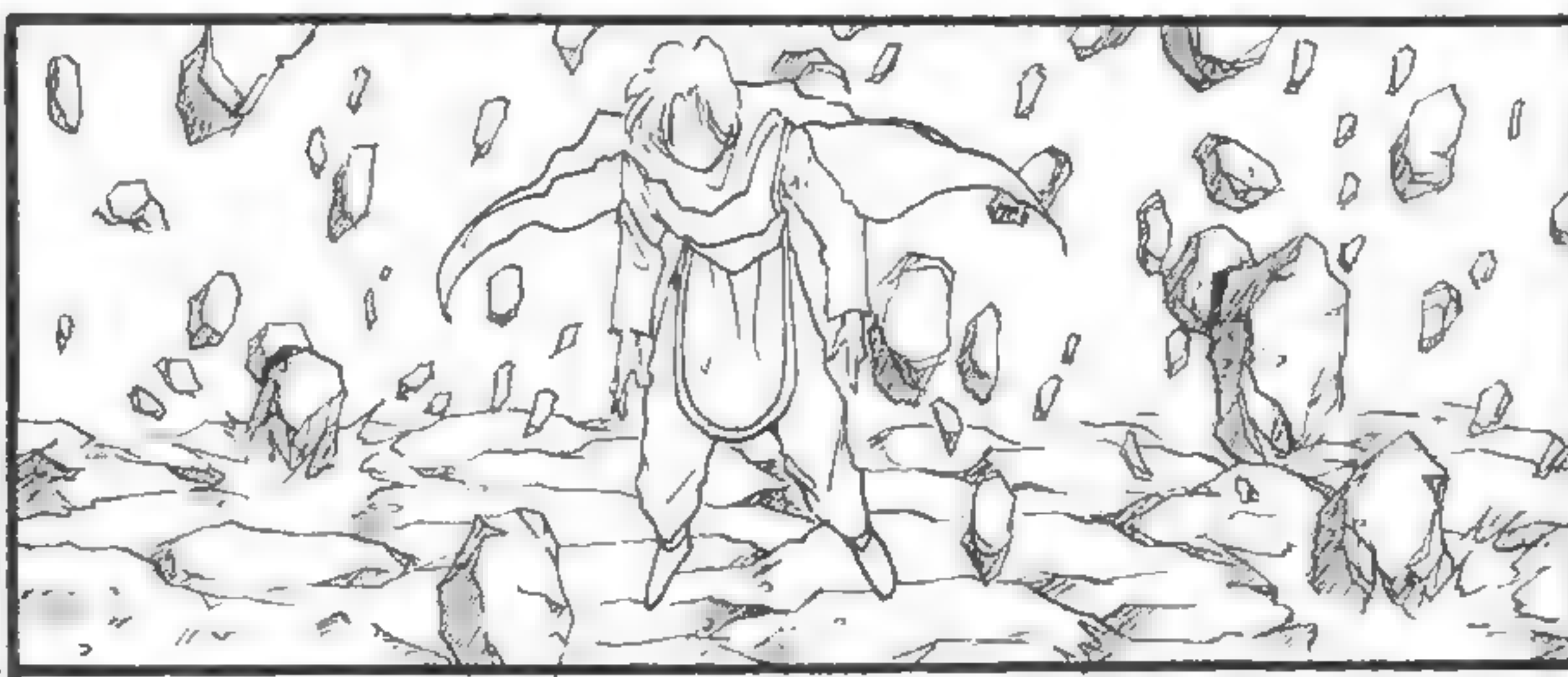
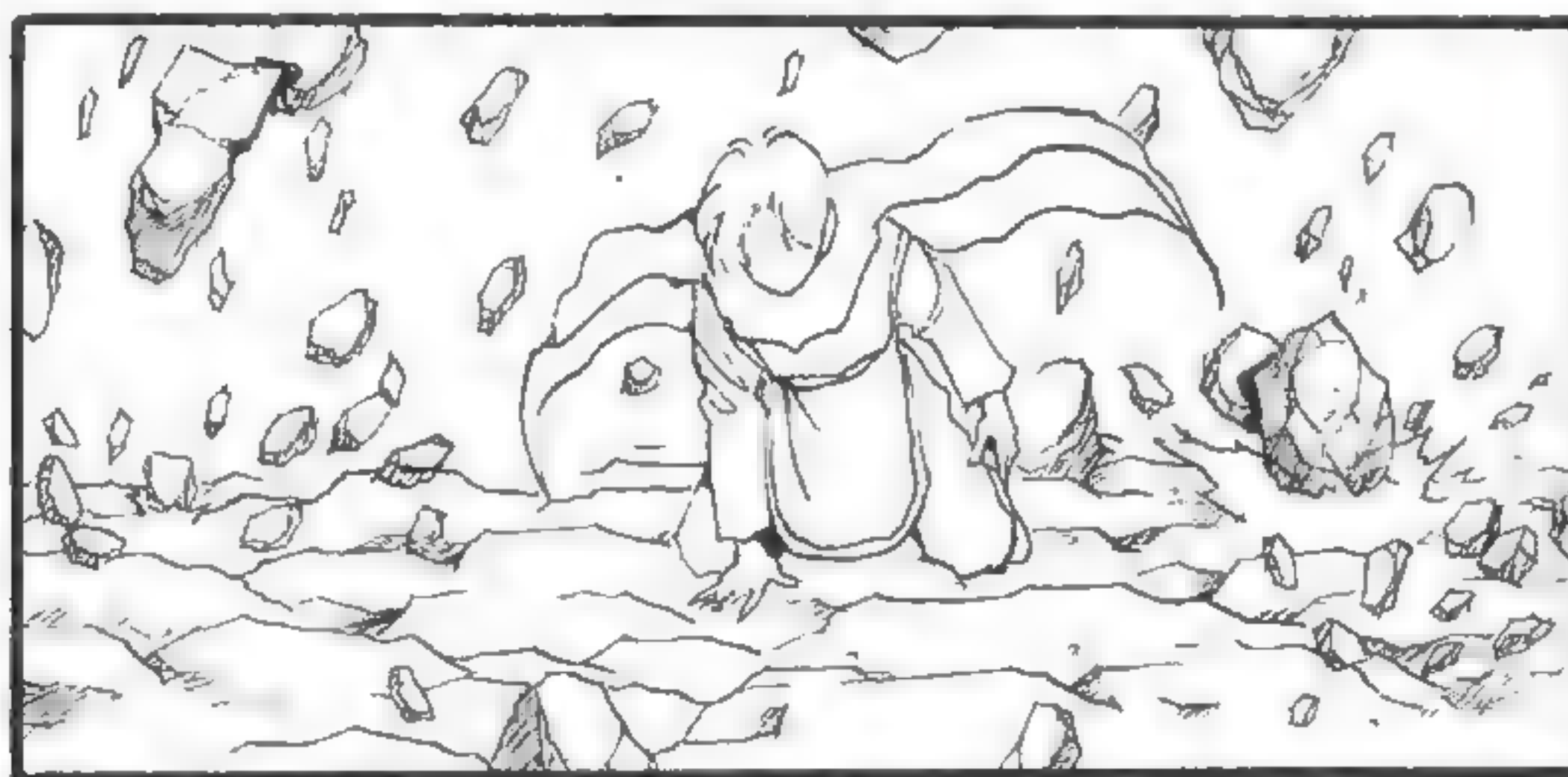




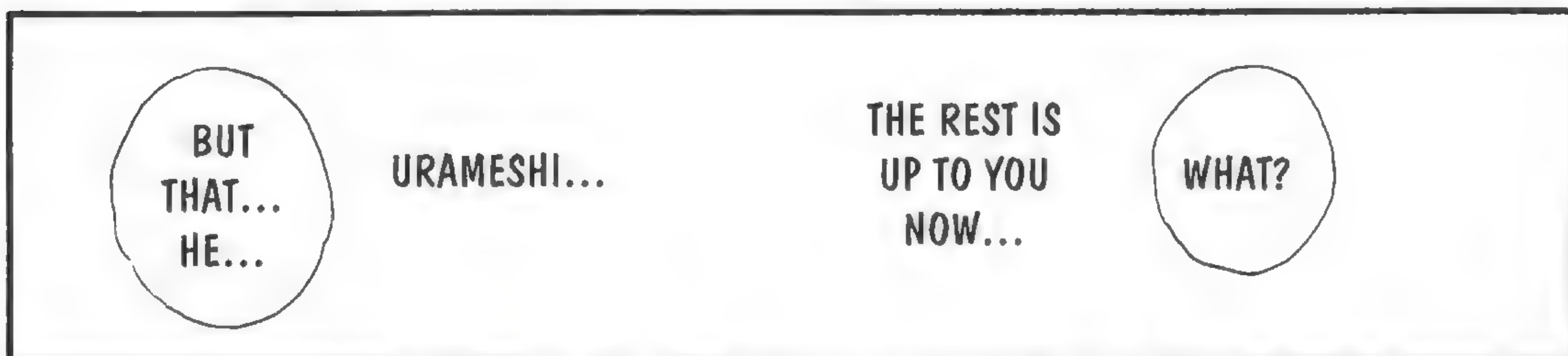
*AKIKO WADA IS AN ACTRESS OF ABOVE-AVERAGE HEIGHT, SO IT'S JOKED THAT HER NERVOUS LEG JIGGLING CAUSES EARTHQUAKES.













WHEN EVERYTHING STOOD STILL!!

STAB



**THE REST
IS UP TO
YOU NOW.**



**...DO THE
SAME
THING?**

**URAMESHI'S
GONNA...**

URAMESHI

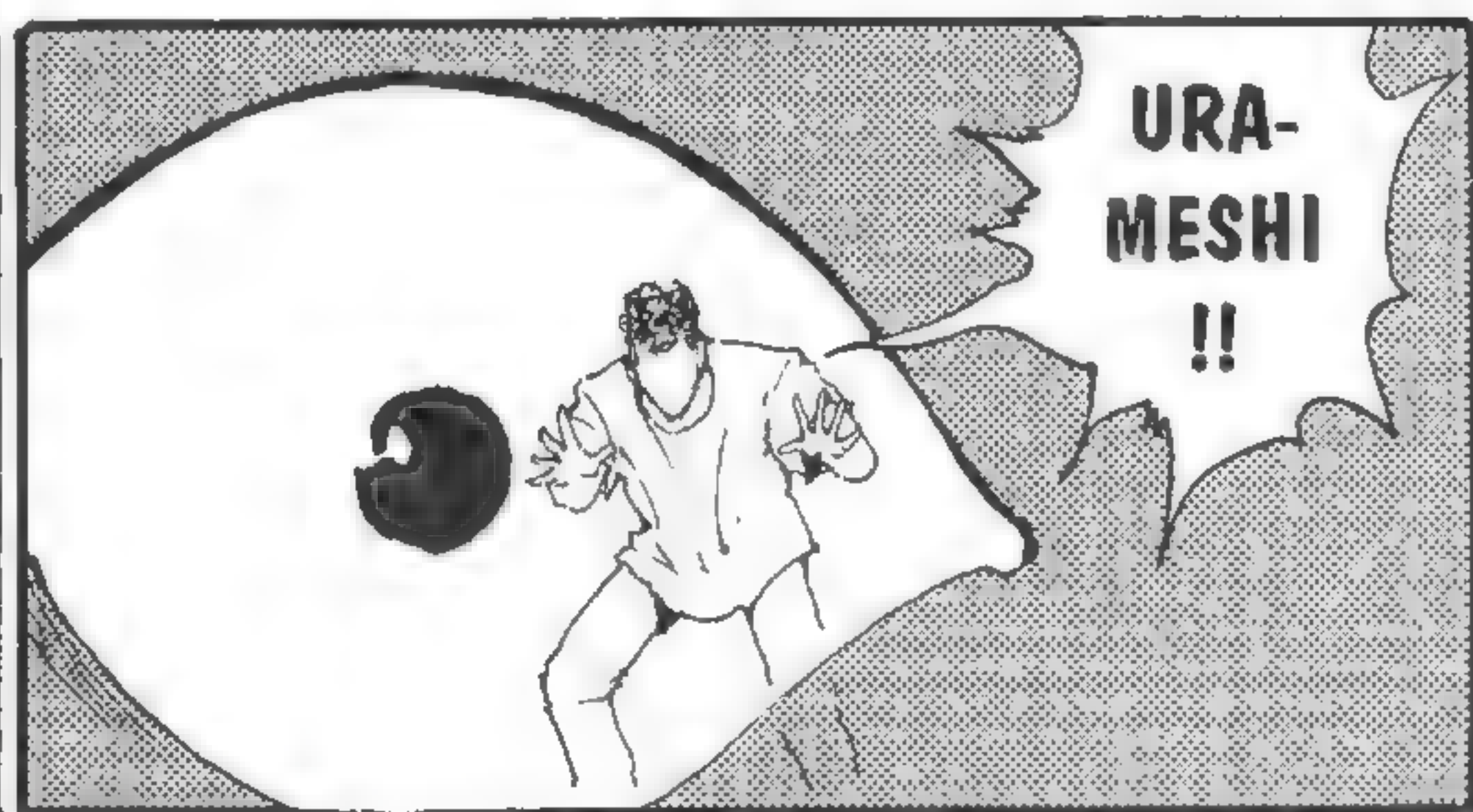
!!!



STOP!!

FOR

**WHEN EVERYTHING
STOOD STILL!!**



KUWABARA?
SO WHAT?

WHO'RE
YOU?

I ONLY
PULLED
IT OFF
BECAUSE
OF YOU!

LISTEN
TO ME,
URAMESHI!

YOU CAN'T
LET HIM
BEAT YOU!

THIS ISN'T
HOW IT
SHOULD
HAPPEN!

...YOU'LL
REMEMBER
ME.

NEXT
TIME,
DUDE...

BEATING
YOU'S MY
JOB!

YOU
CAN'T!

HE'S
SUPER
TOUGH!

FORGET 'IM,
KUWABARA.

SHUT
UP!!

WHATEVER,
IT'LL BE
THE SAME.

I'LL NAIL
YOU NEXT
TIME!

BLAST
IT!

...BETTER
THAN
ANYONE.

I KNOW
THAT...

HE
REMEMBERS
MY NAME!
YES!

YOU AGAIN,
KUWABARA?



...AN' THEY
DON'T MEAN
NUTHIN'
RIGHT NOW!

URAMESHI!

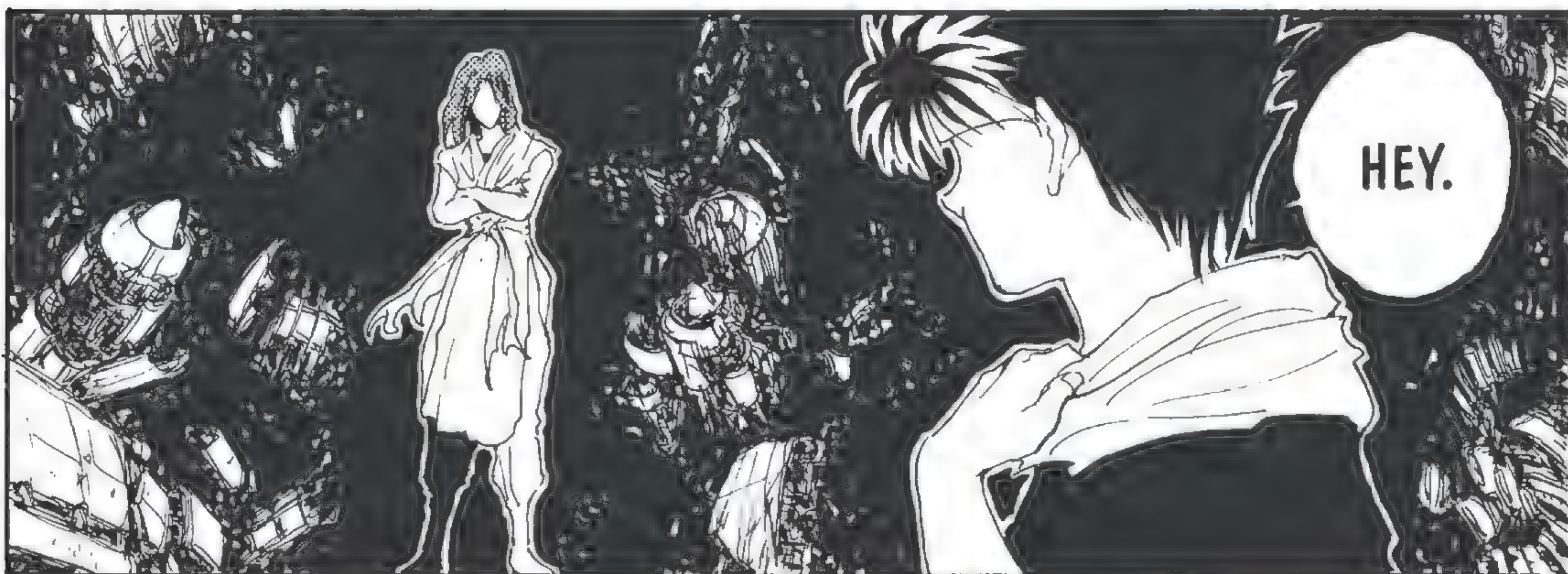


AW MAN...
THOSE WERE
THE GOOD
OL' DAYS...



...THOUGH IT'S
CLEAR HE CANNOT
HOPE TO DEFEAT
ME. I WONDER...

I FEEL NO
HESITATION
FROM HIM...



HEY.



IF WE'RE
GONNA
DIE...

...I'M
GONNA
DIE MY
WAY.



RELEASE
US,
NOW.



THAT'S HOW
I SEE IT,
ANYWAY.



...HORNING
IN, BUT
HE'LL HAVE
TO DEAL.

YUSUKE
MIGHT BE
MIFFED AT
US FOR...



HIEI...



KURAMA

...



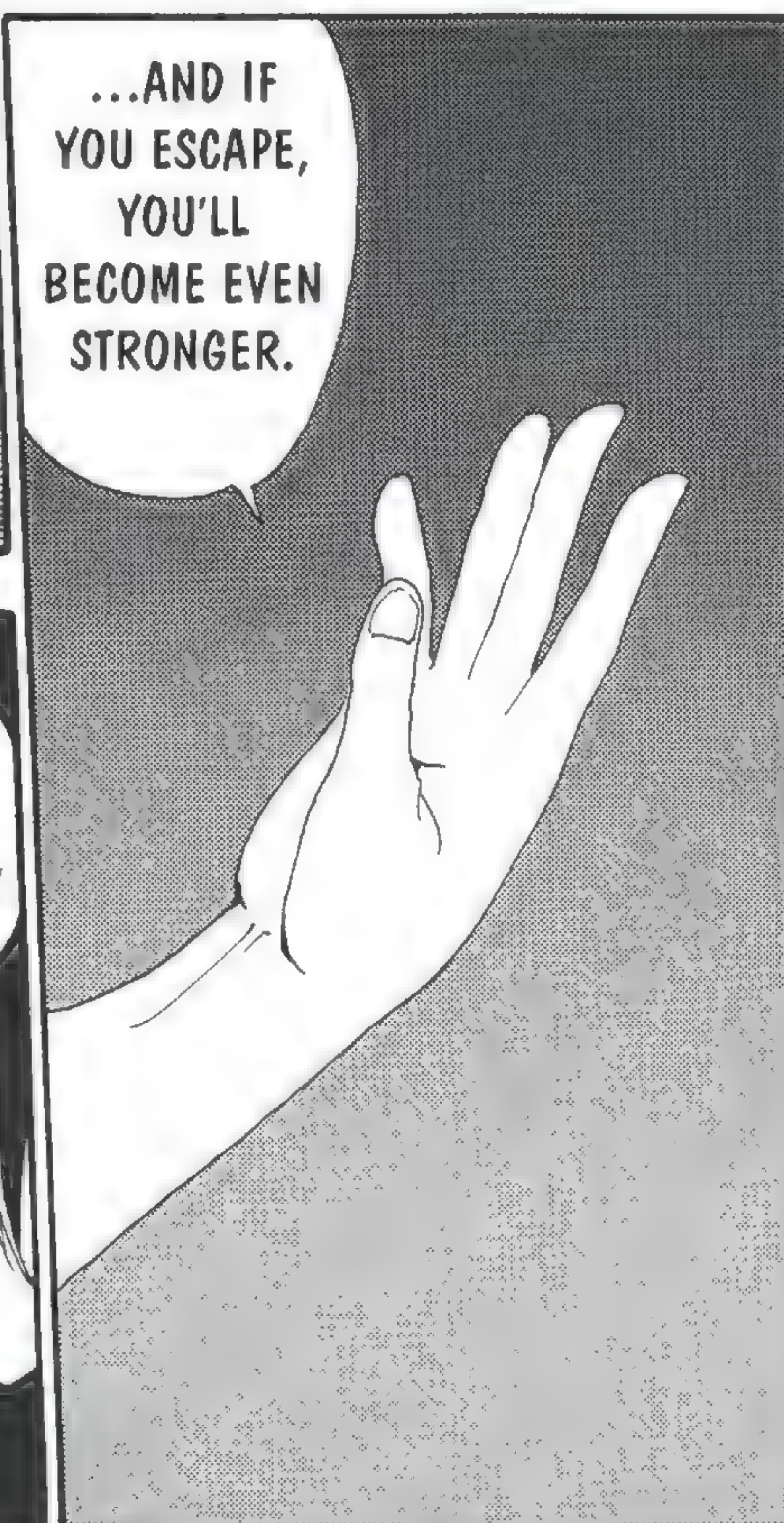
...BUT YOU
MIGHT COME
UP WITH
A WAY TO
ESCAPE.

THE FOUR OF
YOU STILL
WON'T BE ABLE
TO BEAT
SHINOBU...

NO.

...FIEND
ARE YOU?

WHAT
KINDA
...



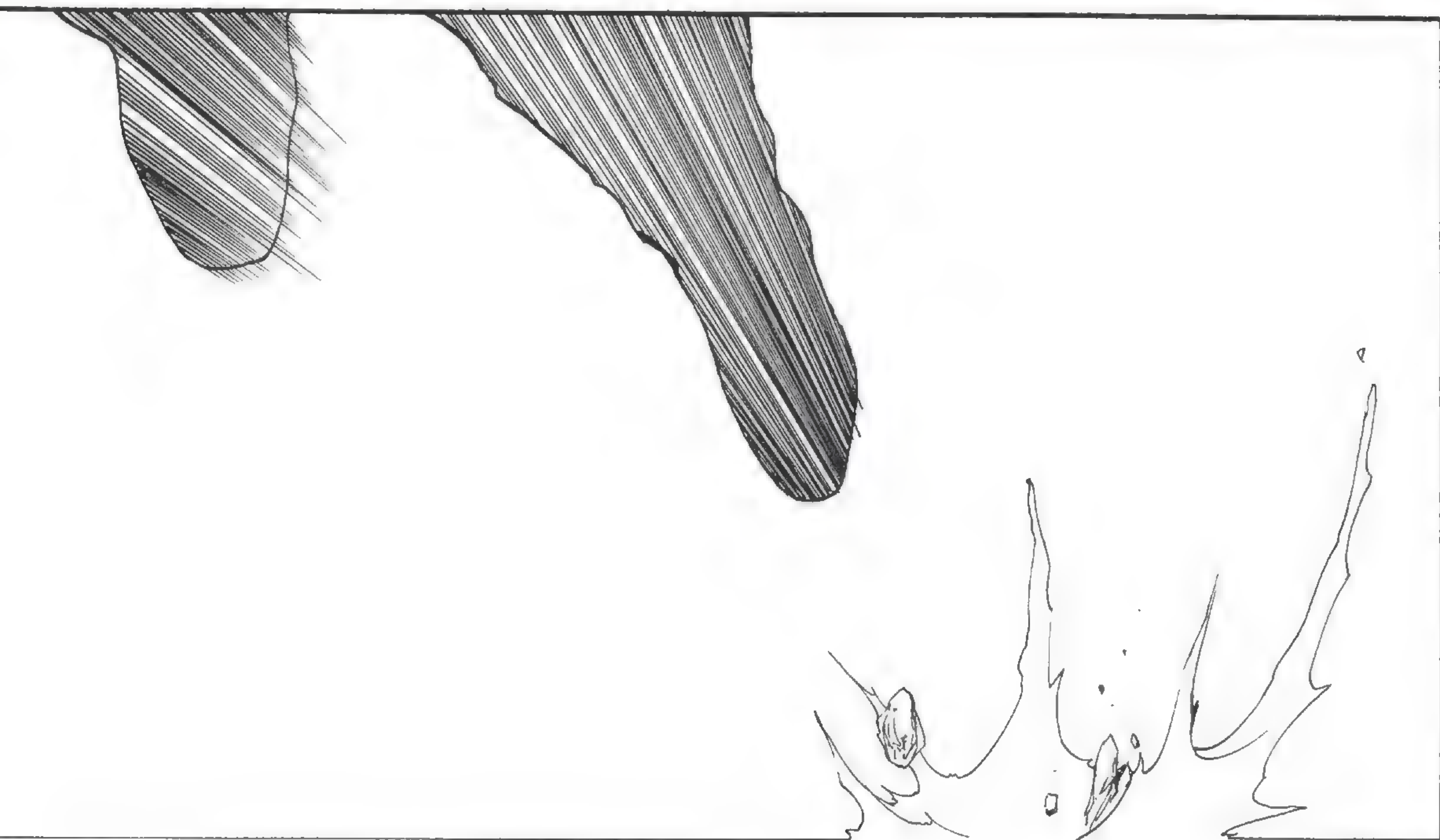
LIKE IT
OR NOT,
I'M OUTTA
HERE!!!

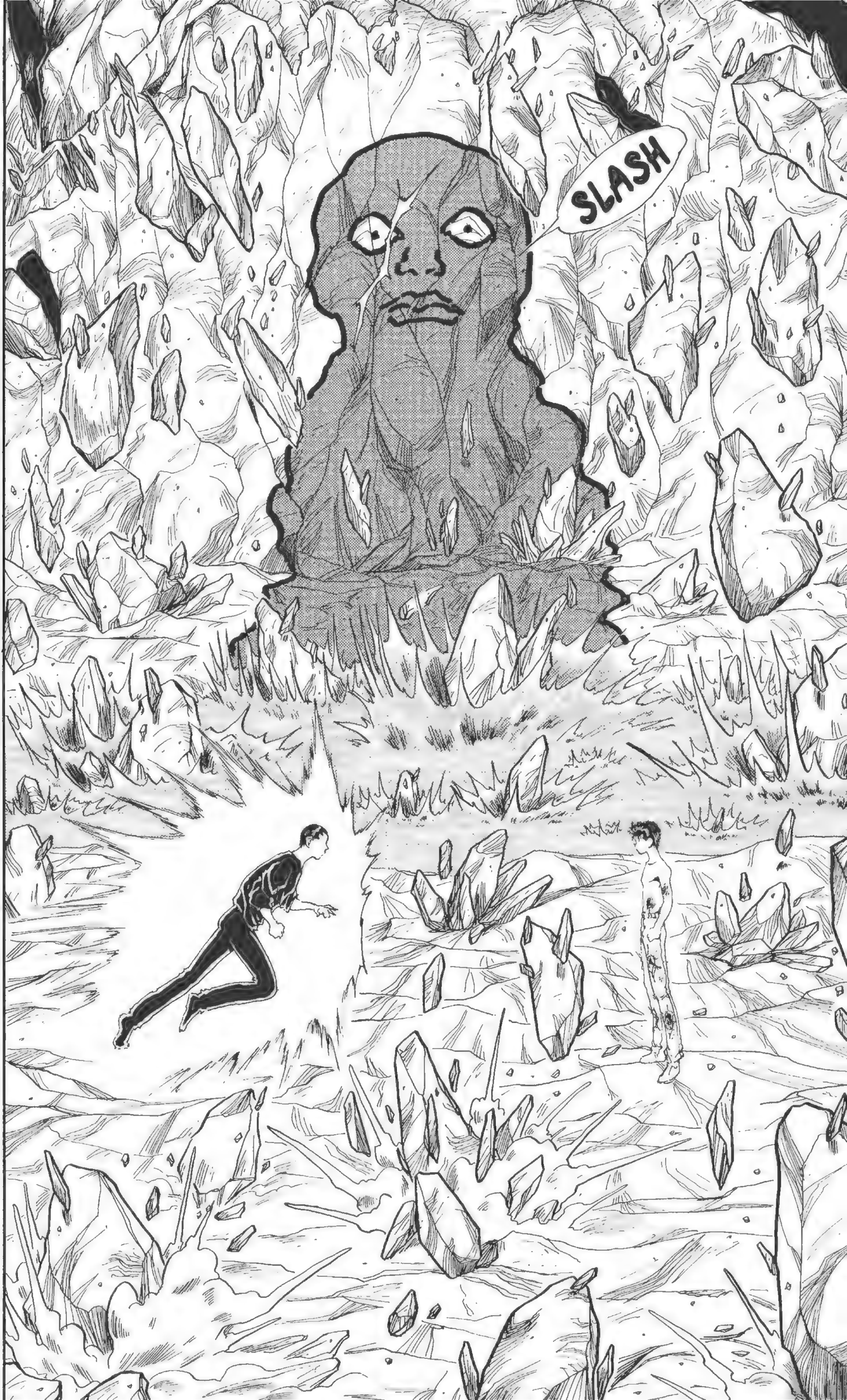




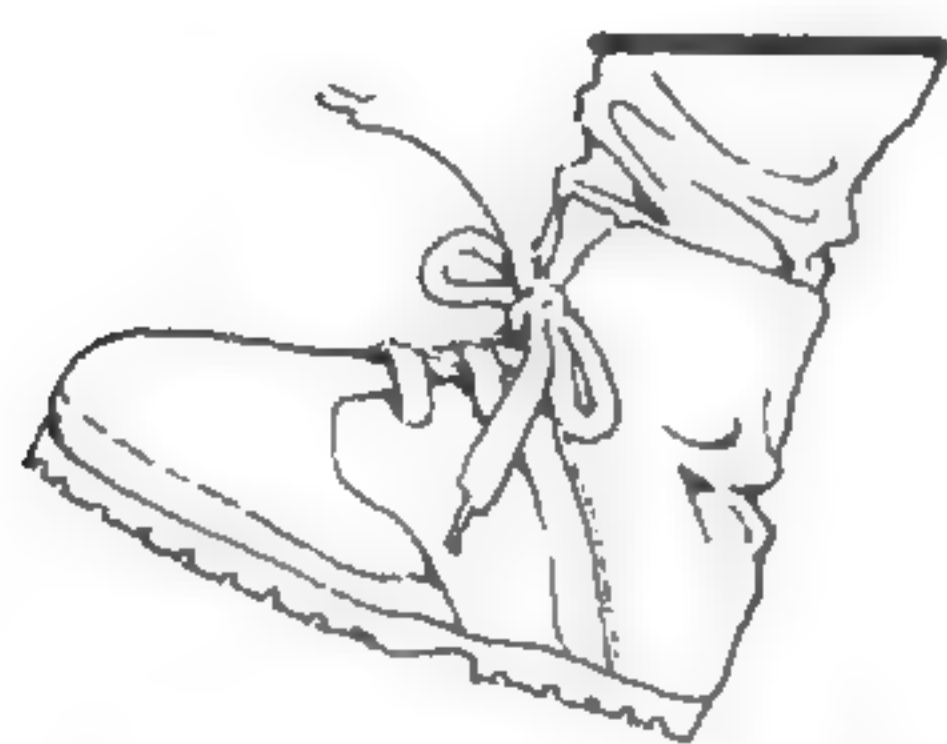
**LOOK OUT!
I CAN'T
STOP
THEM!!**

**SHINOBU
!!**



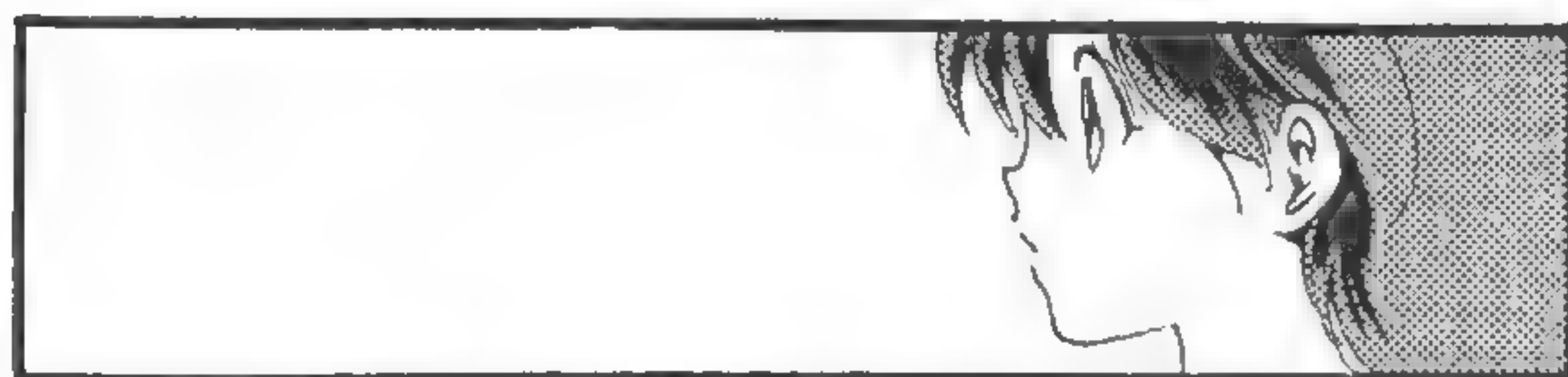




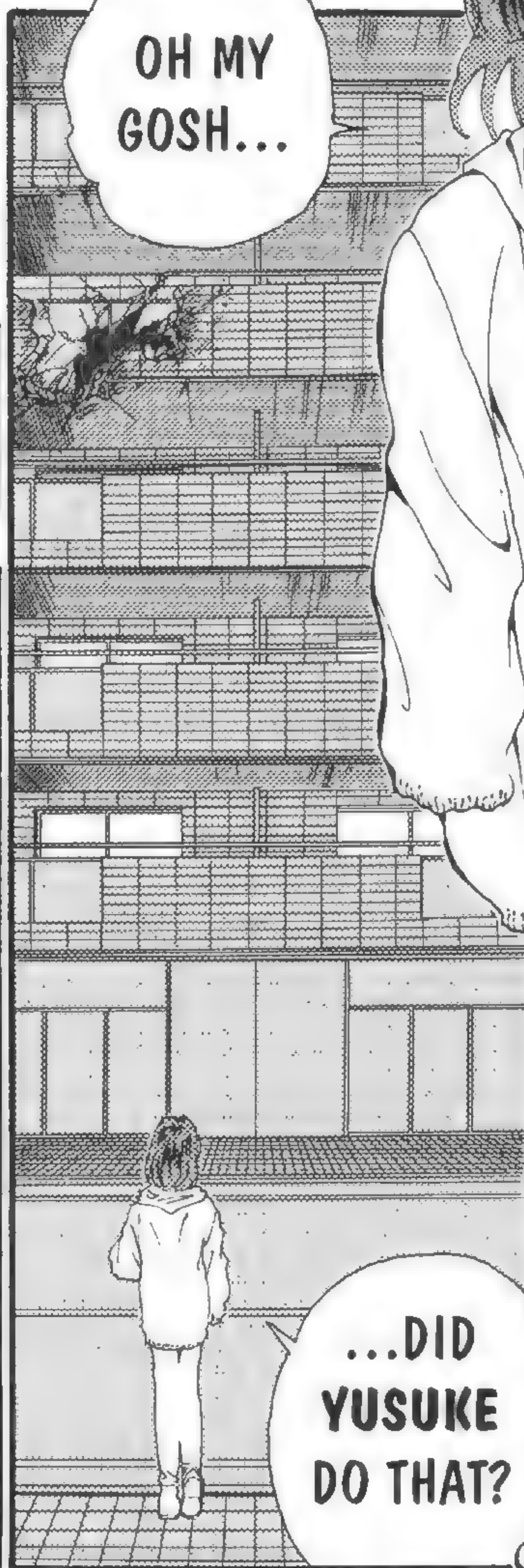


TRUP
TRUP

OH MY
GOSH...



ATSUKO!



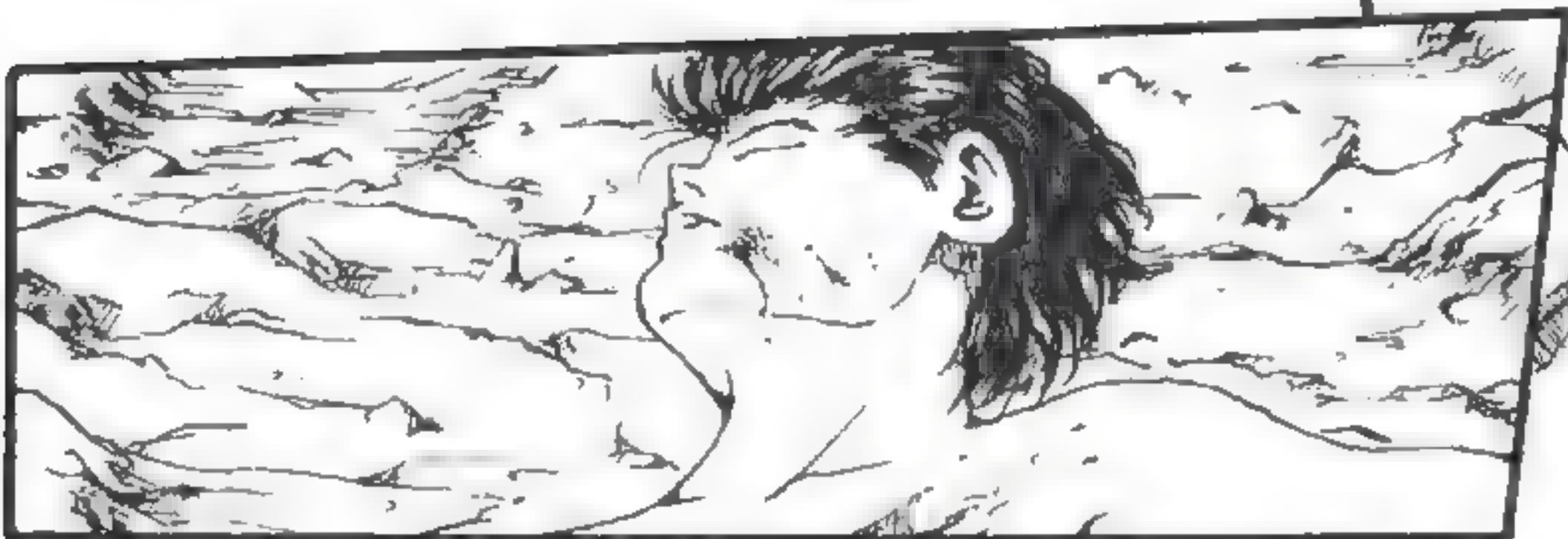
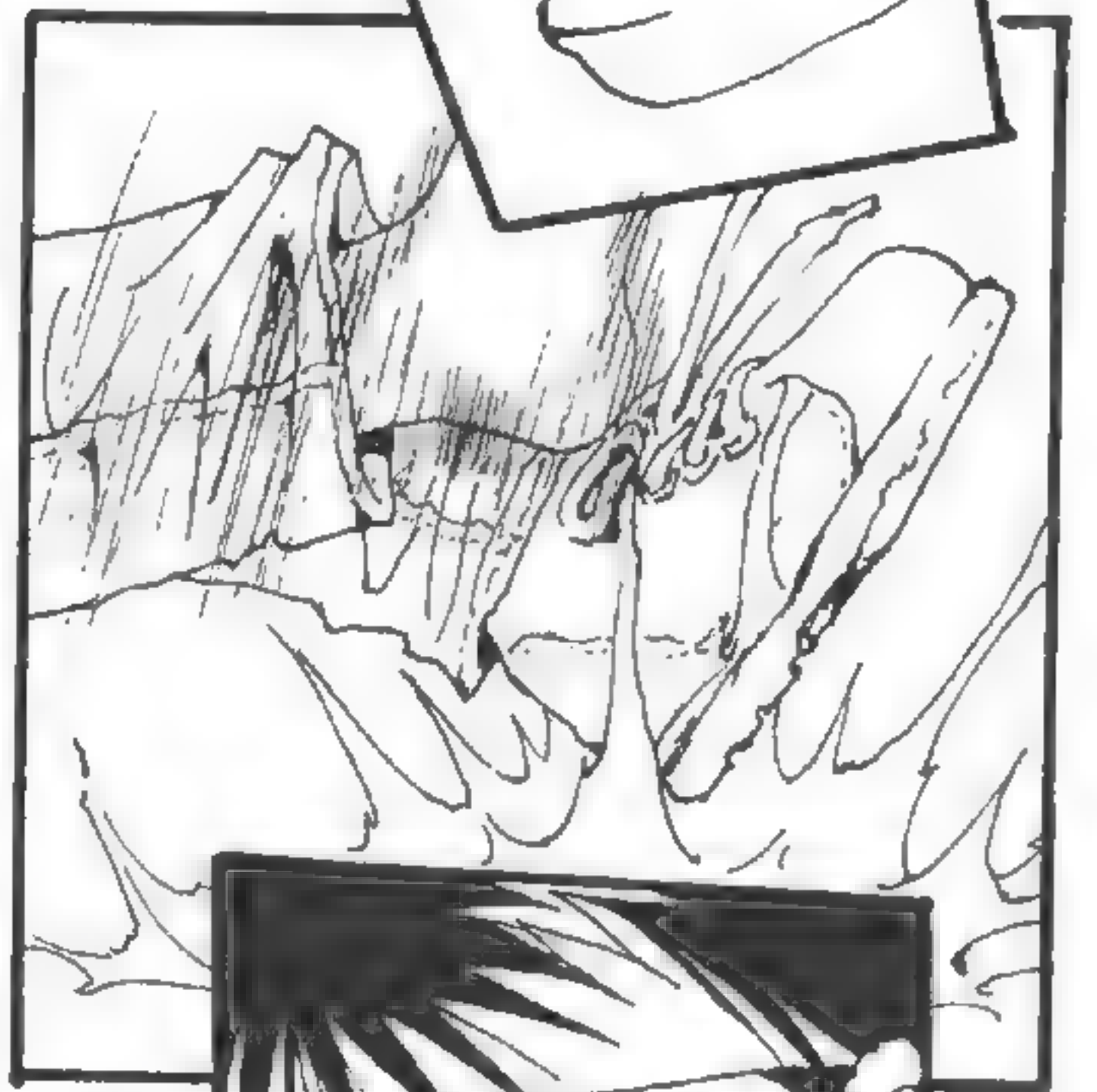
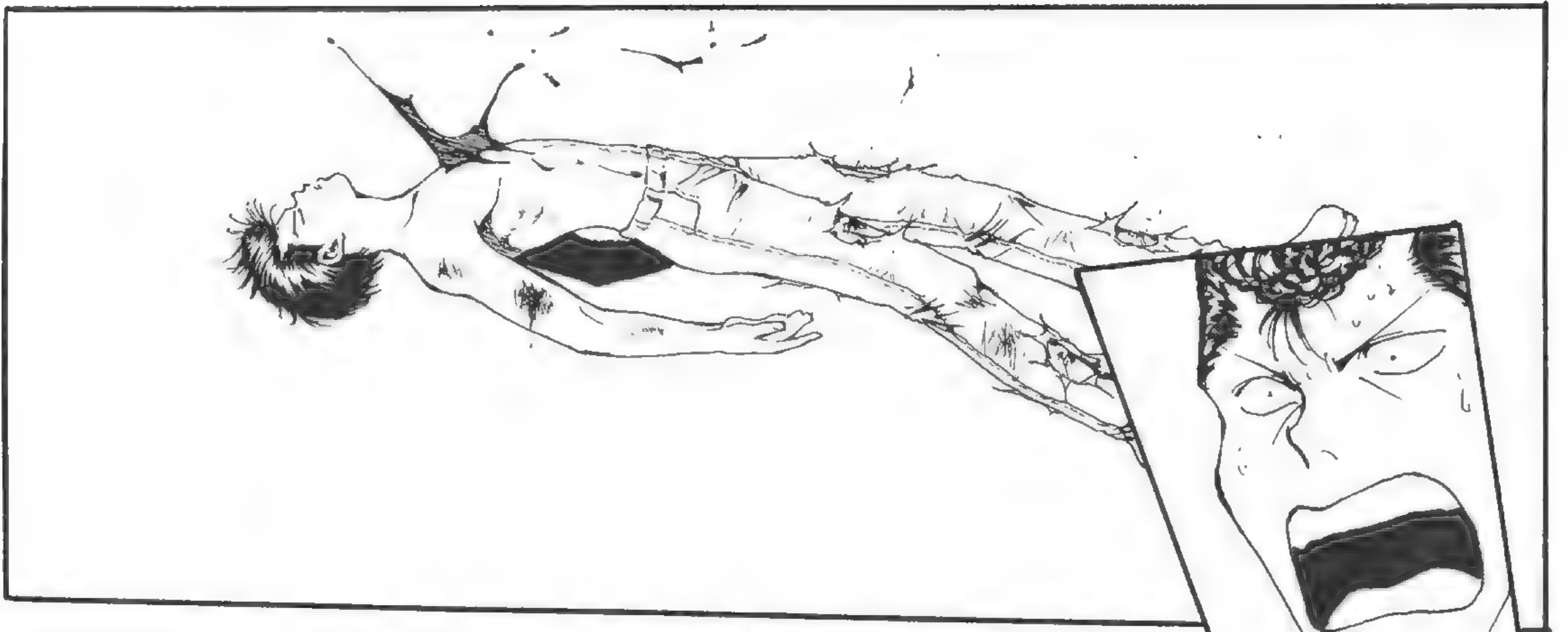
...DID
YUSUKE
DO THAT?



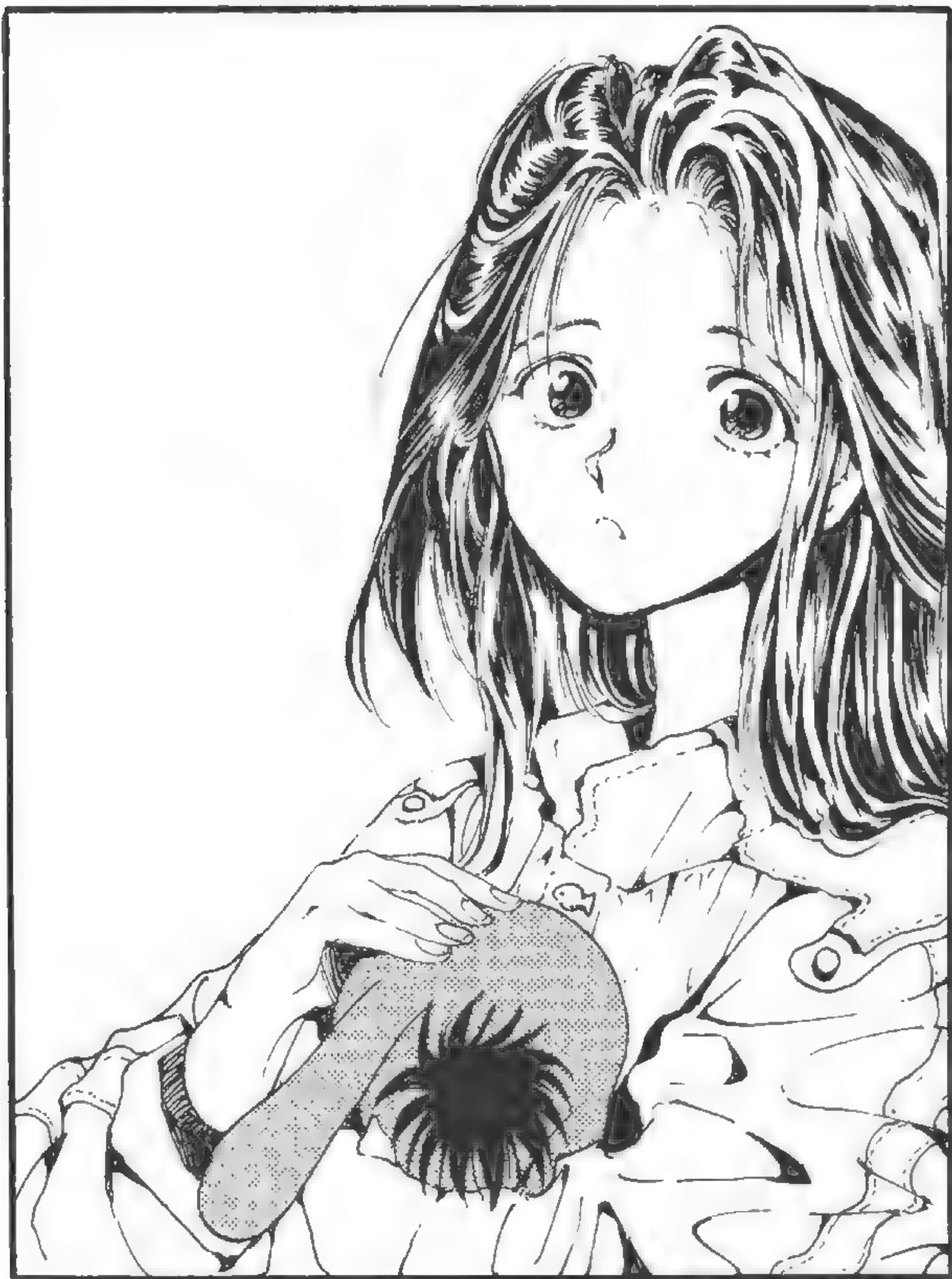










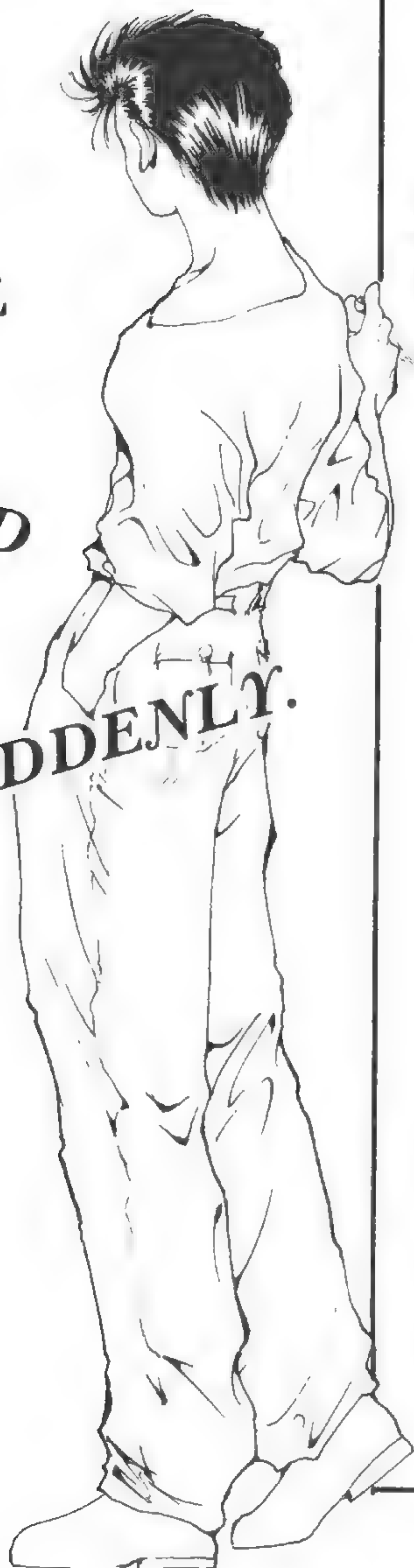


INTO THE DEMON PLANE!!

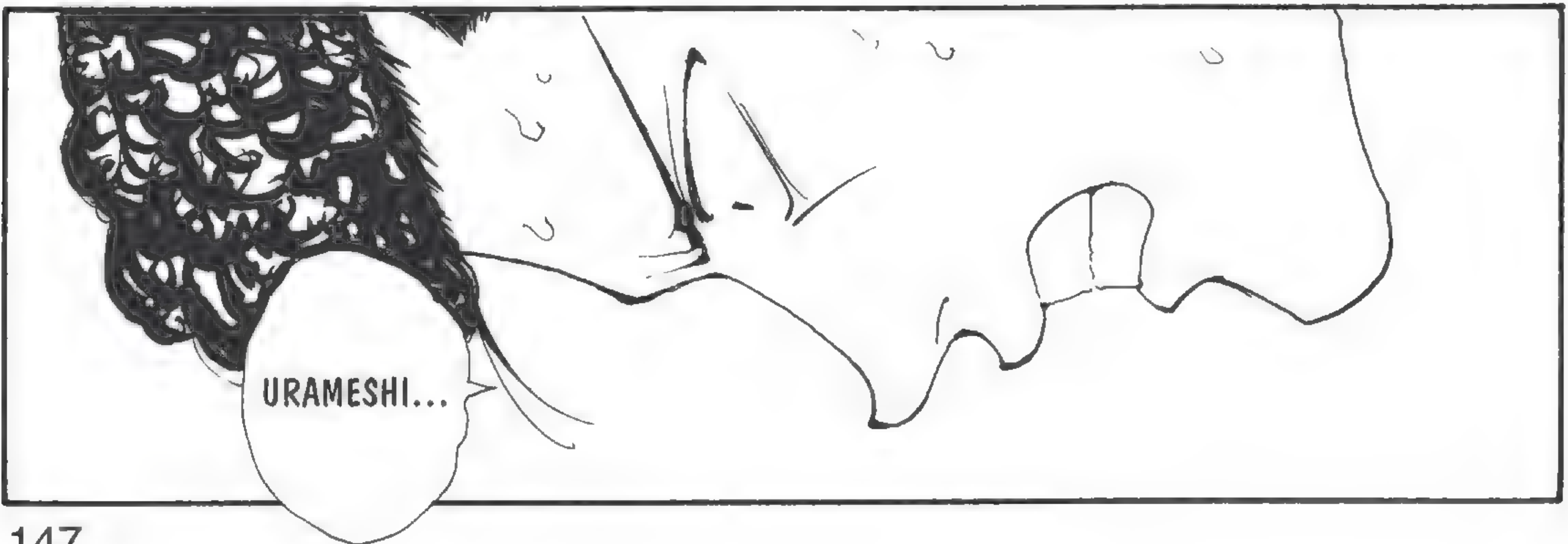
EYBD OOG

**HE
DIED**

SUDDENLY.











...LET'S
PLAY ONE
LAST SCENE.

AH
WELL...



THE FIRST
DOOR HAS
BEEN
OPENED.



YOU WILL
GUIDE ME
FURTHER IN.



ME?
FAT
CHANCE!!



THOSE TWO
ARE STILL
CLASS-A
DEMONS IN
POWER.

HM...

!!



...THIS MAY
BE OUR
TEAM'S LAST
MATCH.

URAMESHI...



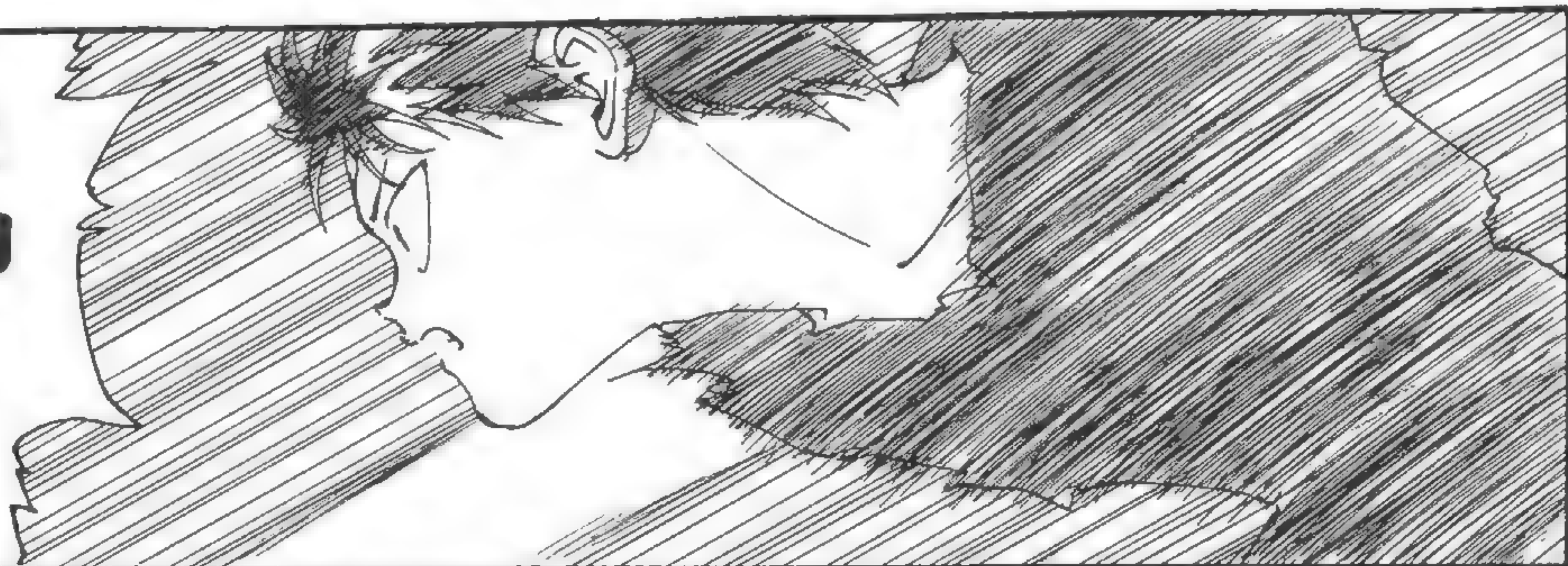
...WE'LL
MAKE IT
ONE HECK
OF A
SHOW!!

IF THAT'S
THE
CASE...

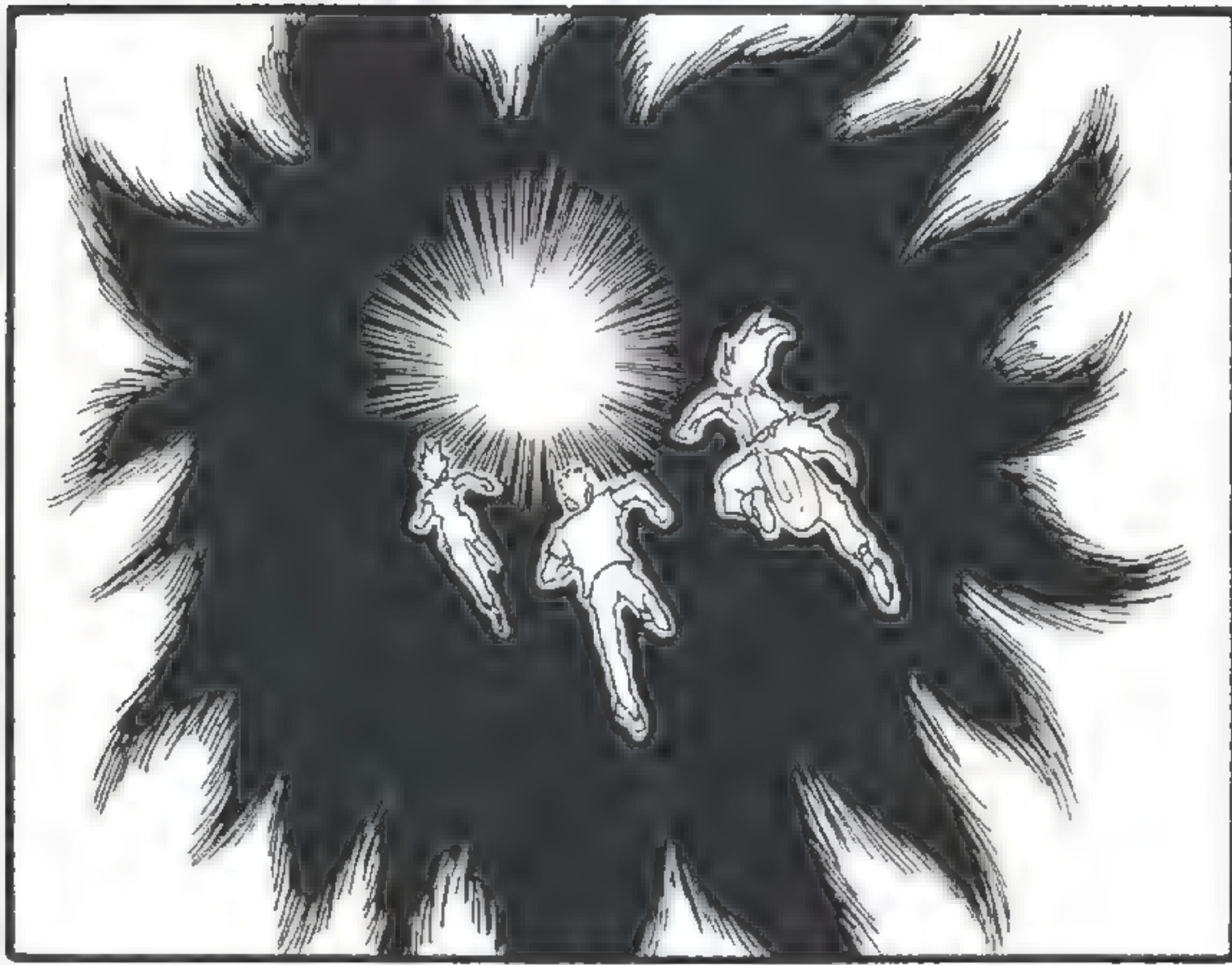
**BLACK
DRAGON
UNHOLY
FIRE!!**



**LET'S SEE
WHAT YOU
DO WITH
THAT!**



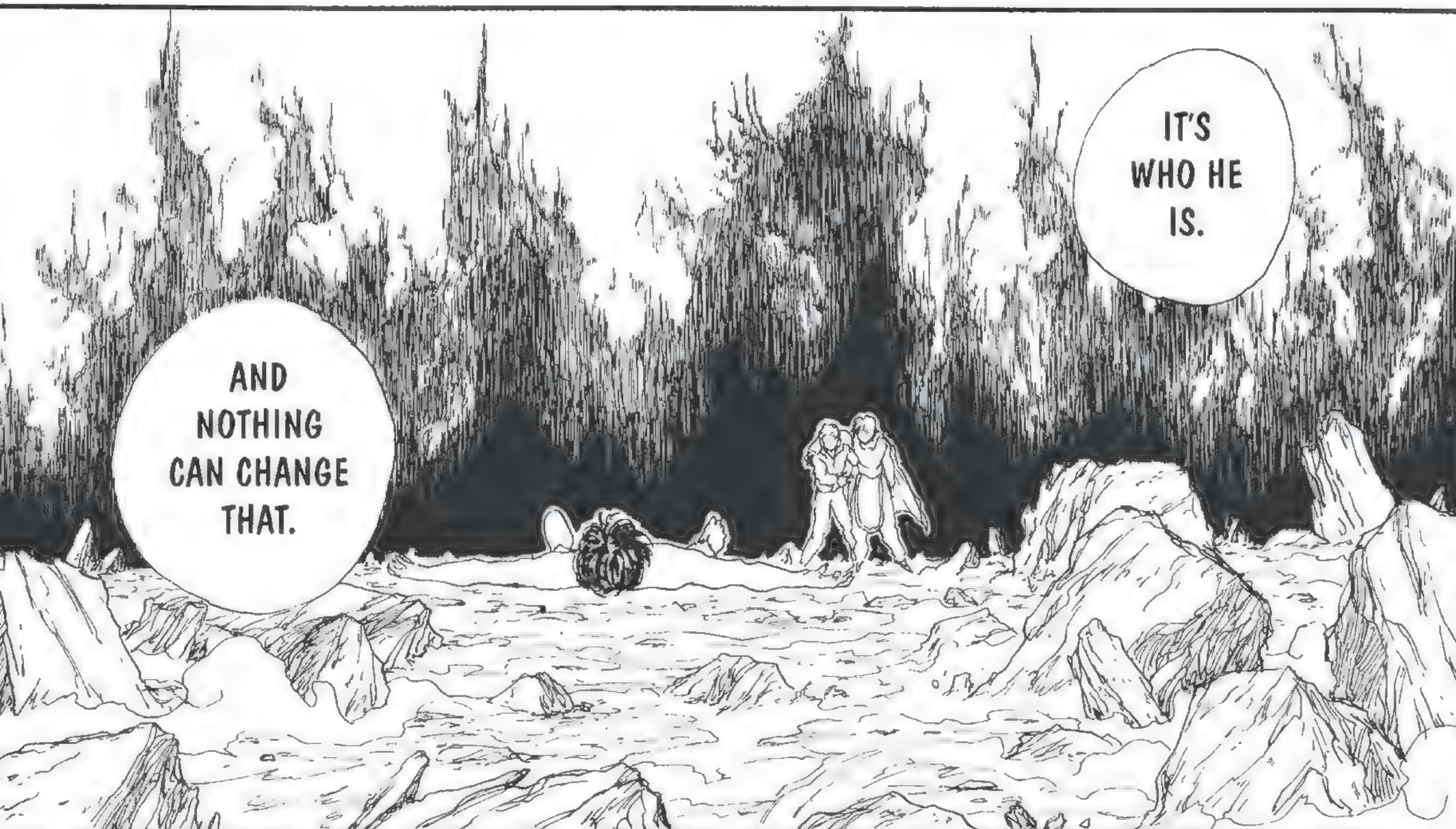
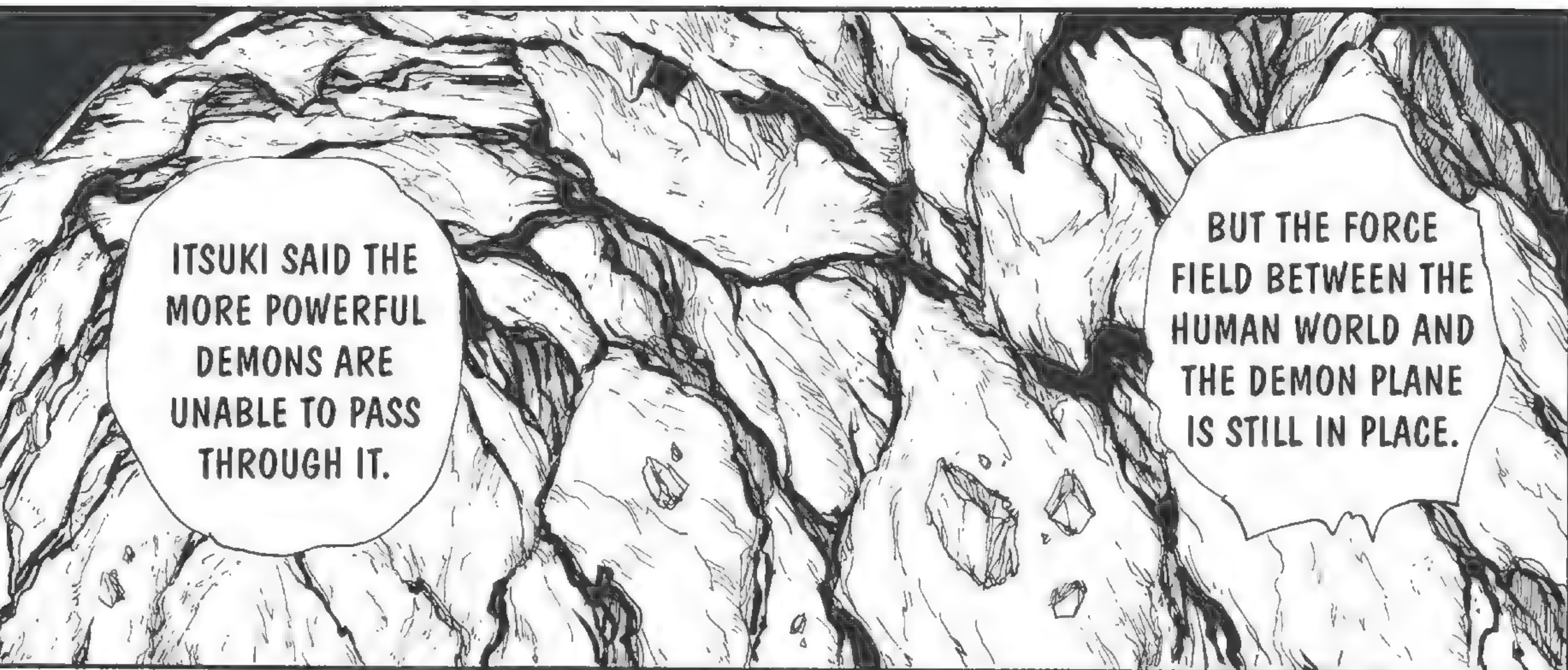


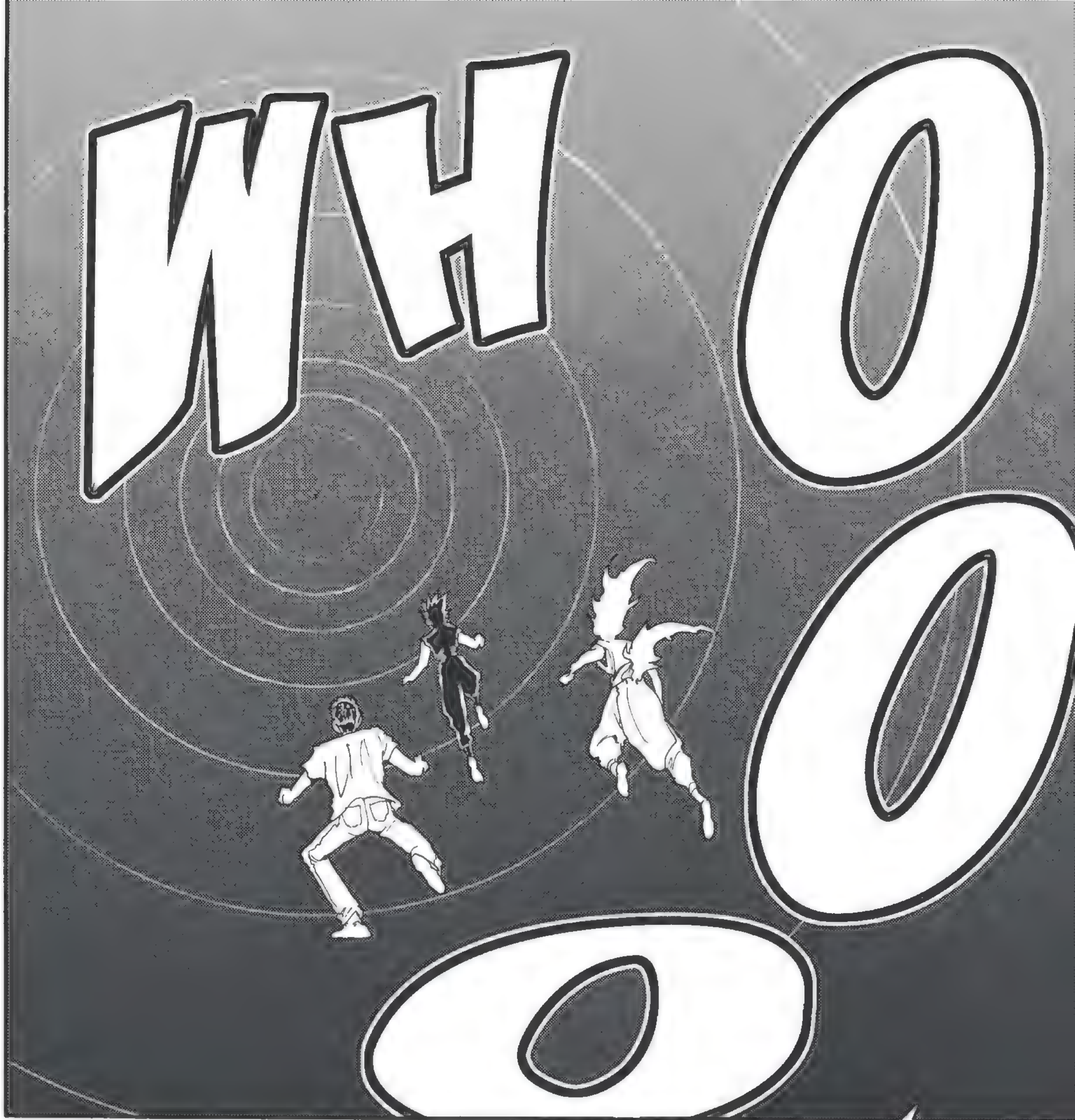


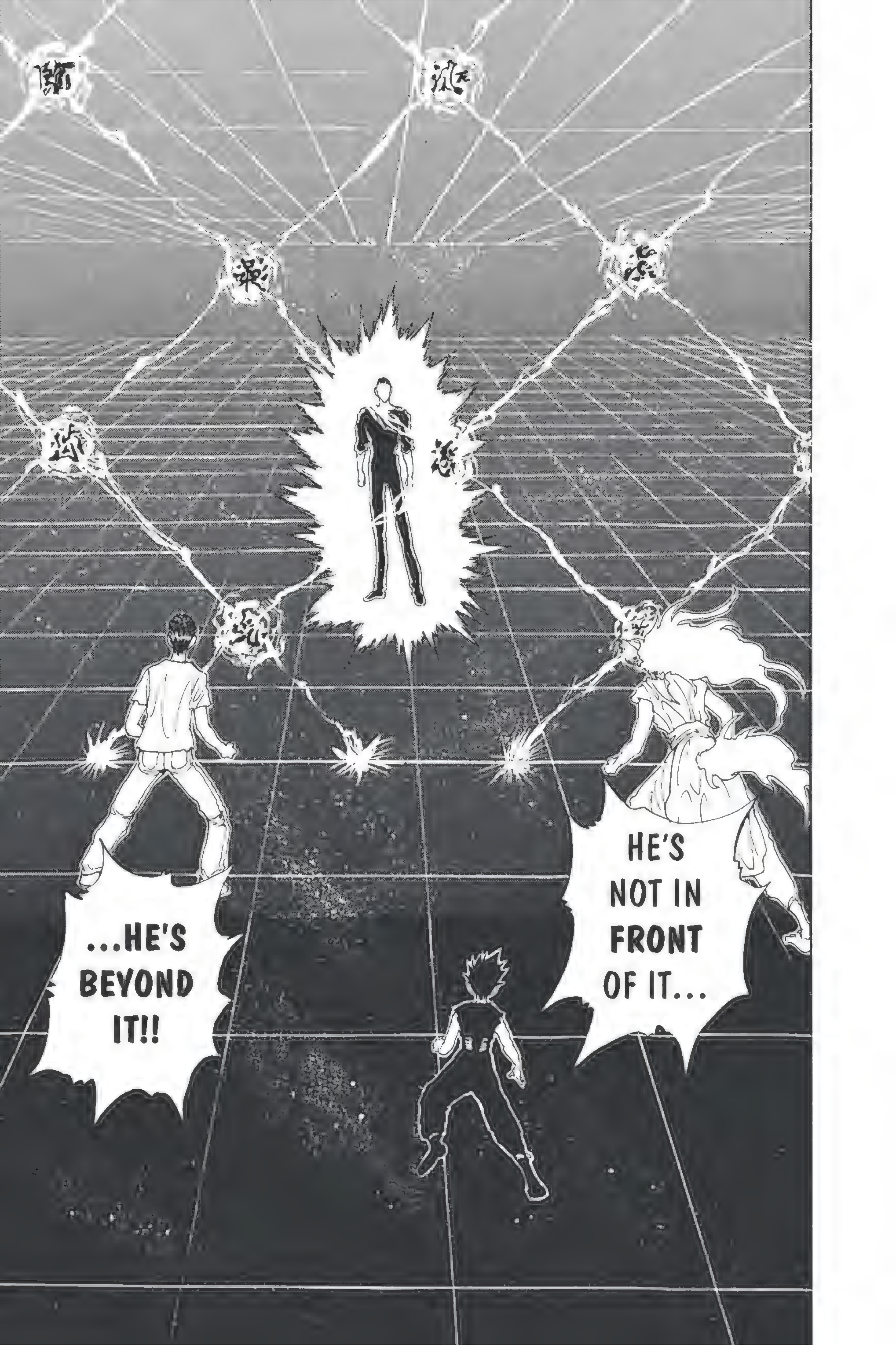
RR RRU
MBLE











断

流

爆

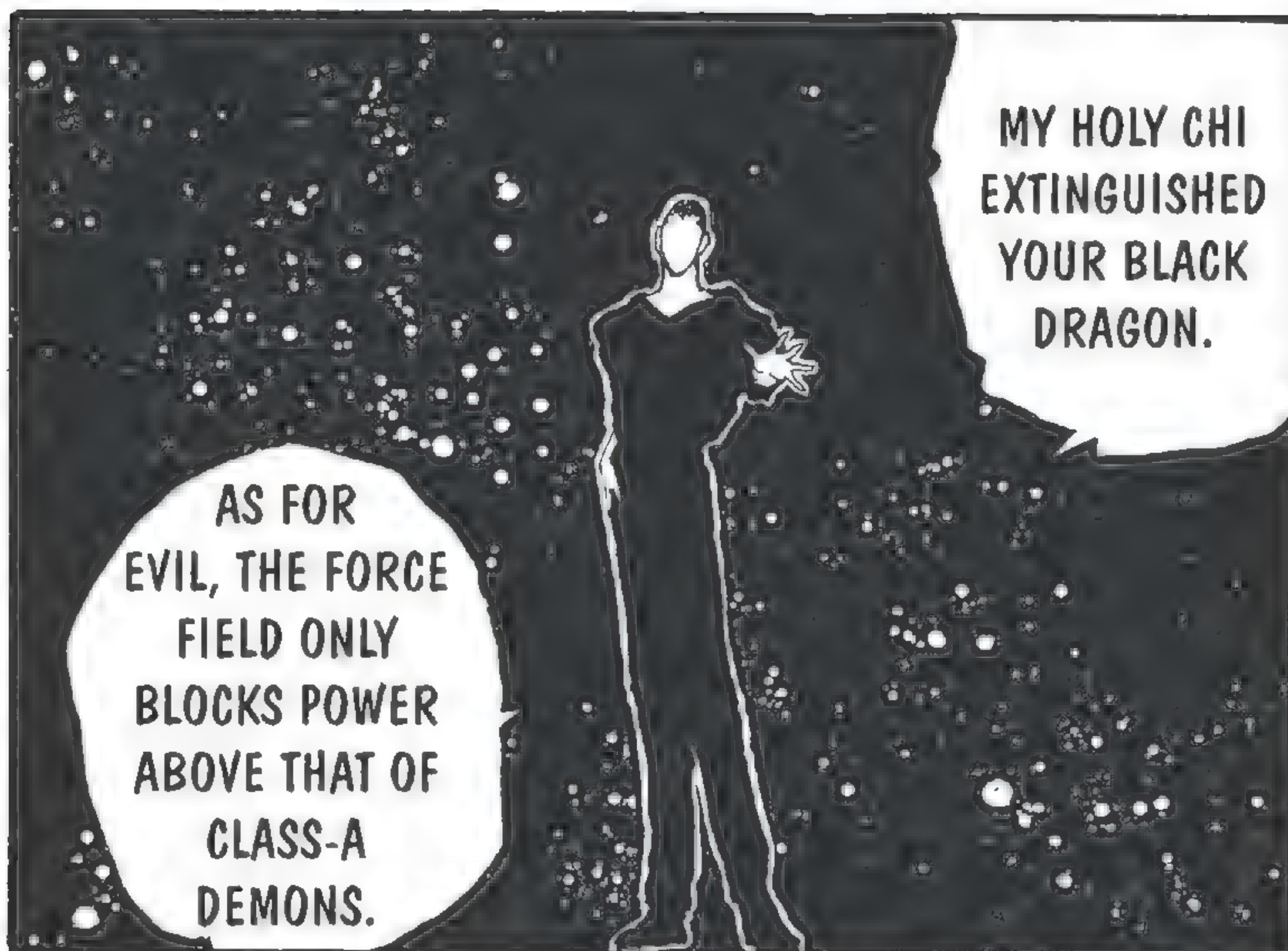
爆

爆

爆

...HE'S
BEYOND
IT!!

HE'S
NOT IN
FRONT
OF IT...



AS FOR
EVIL, THE FORCE
FIELD ONLY
BLOCKS POWER
ABOVE THAT OF
CLASS-A
DEMONS.

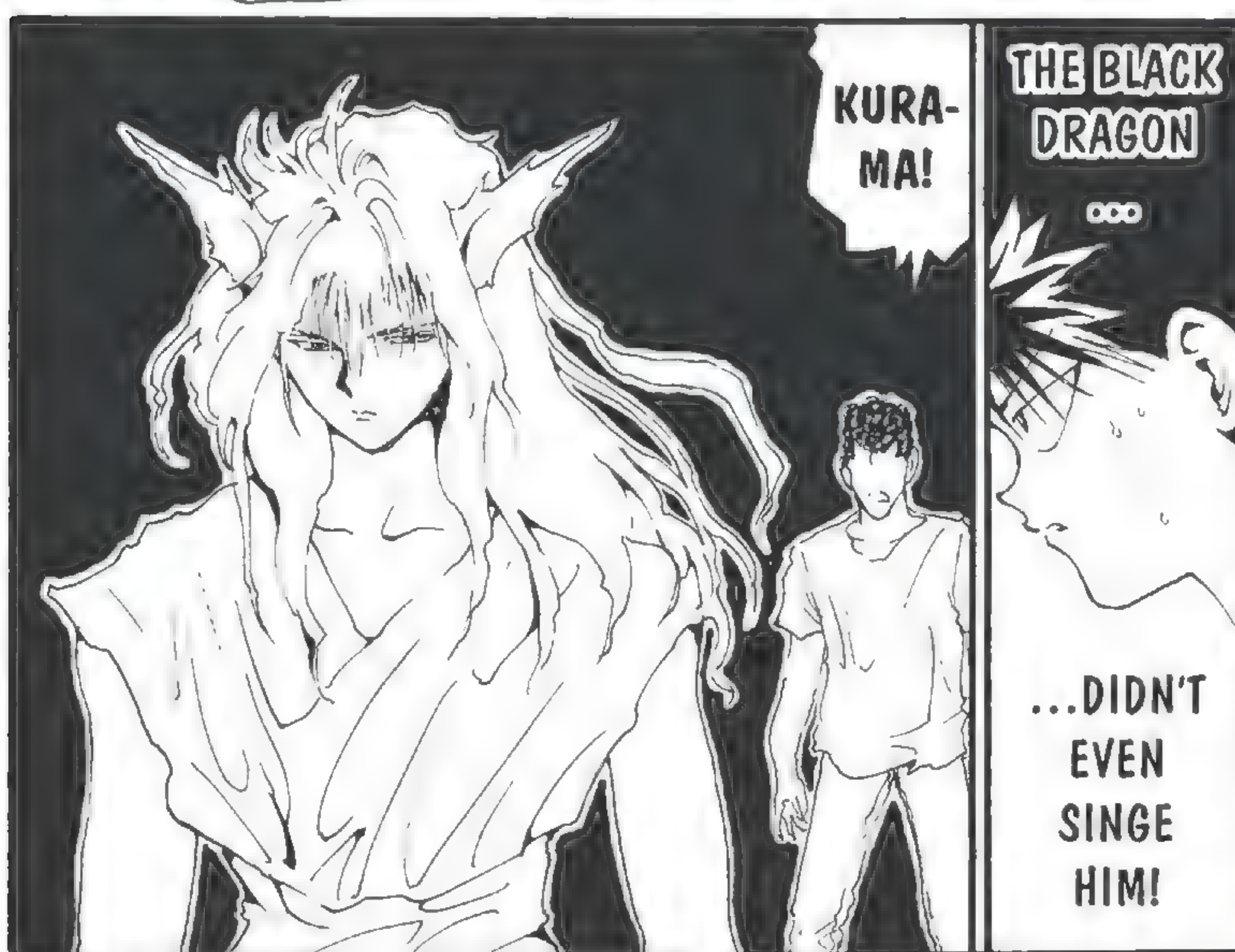
MY HOLY CHI
EXTINGUISHED
YOUR BLACK
DRAGON.

I POSSESS
HOLY CHI,
AND HOLY
CHI IS NOT
EVIL.



IRONICALLY,
THOSE POWERS
NOW KEEP YOU
FROM CROSSING
THE THRESHOLD.

URAMESHI'S
DEATH
AWAKENED
YOUR FORMER
POWERS.

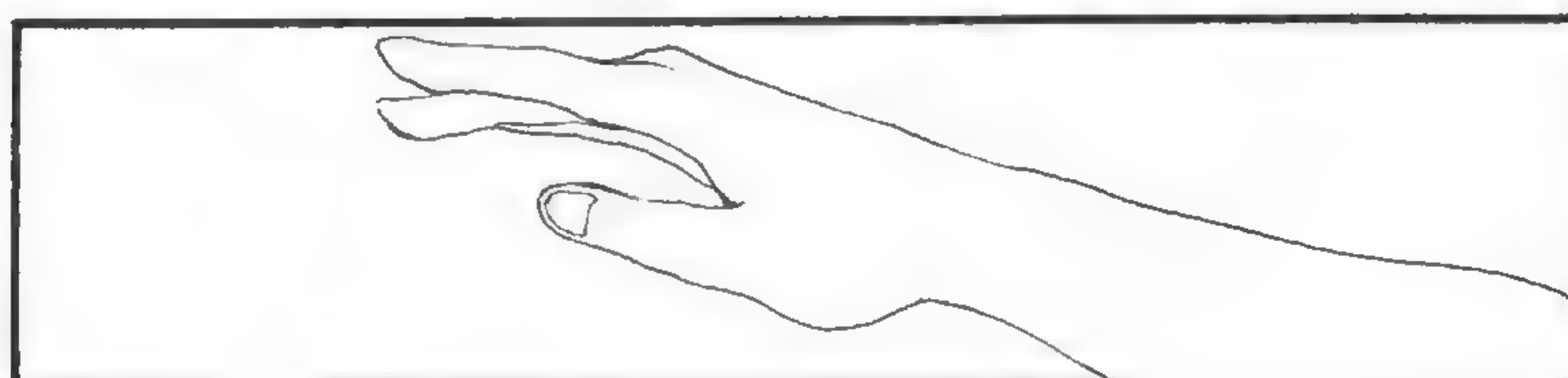


KURA-
MA!

THE BLACK
DRAGON

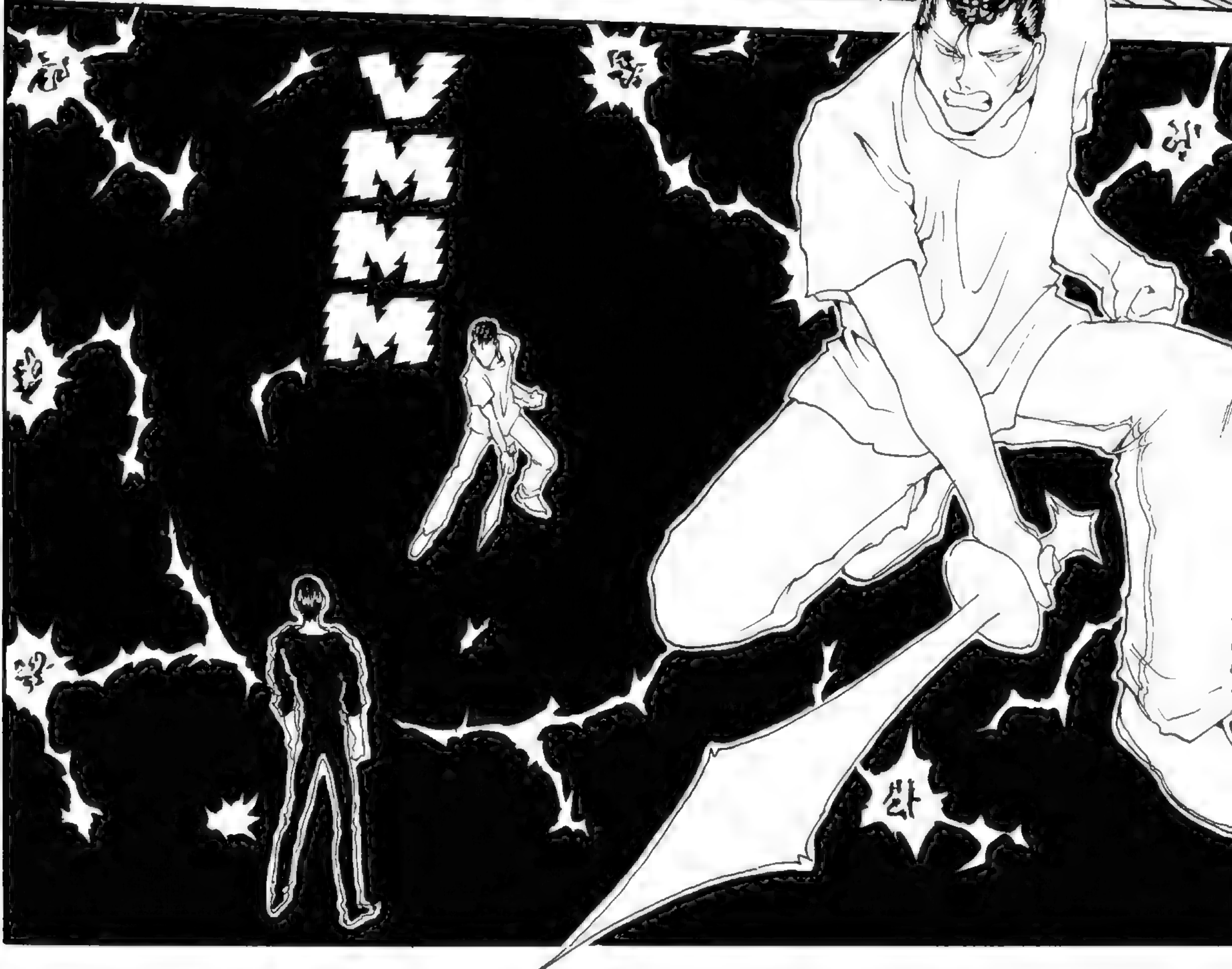
...

...DIDN'T
EVEN
SINGE
HIM!



THE
UNDERWORLD
FORCE FIELD IS
DESIGNED TO
BLOCK EVIL, NOT
WHAT IS HOLY.





I'M TAKIN' ONE OF
YOUR ARMS AS
A SOUVENIR!



I'M NOT DYIN' FOR
NOTHIN', JERKFACE!

THE UNDERWORLD...

SO EVEN
KOENMA
COULDN'T
STOP HIM.

NOT
LIKELY.

BUT...
YOUR
HIGHNESS...

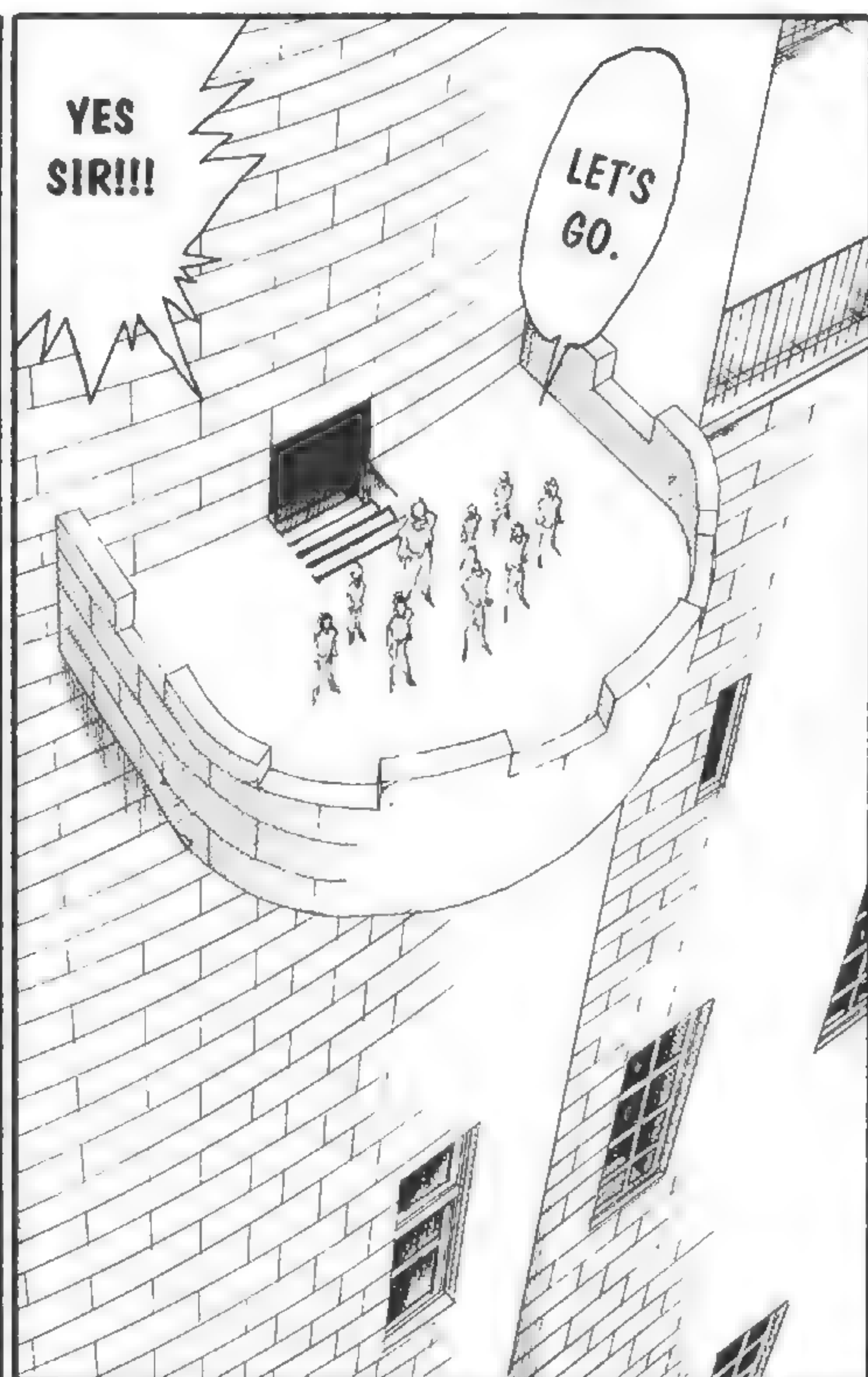
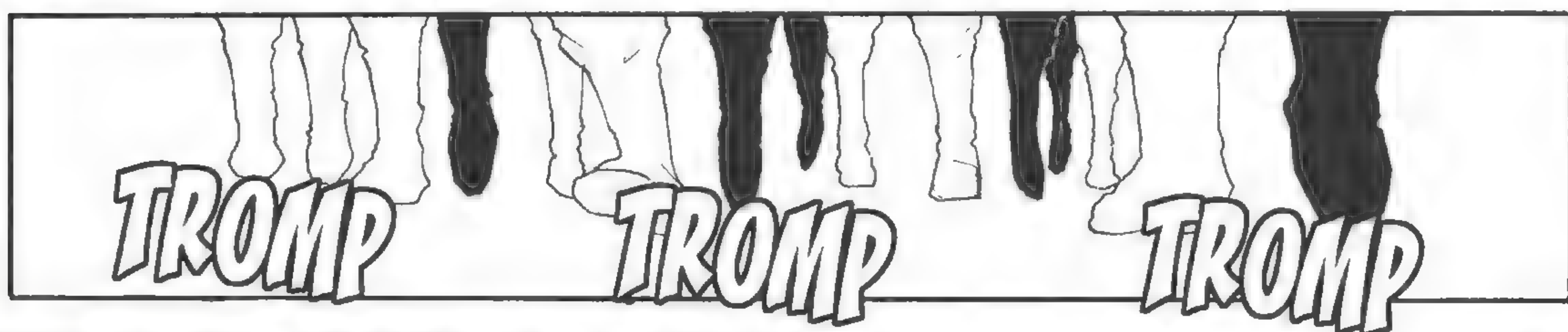
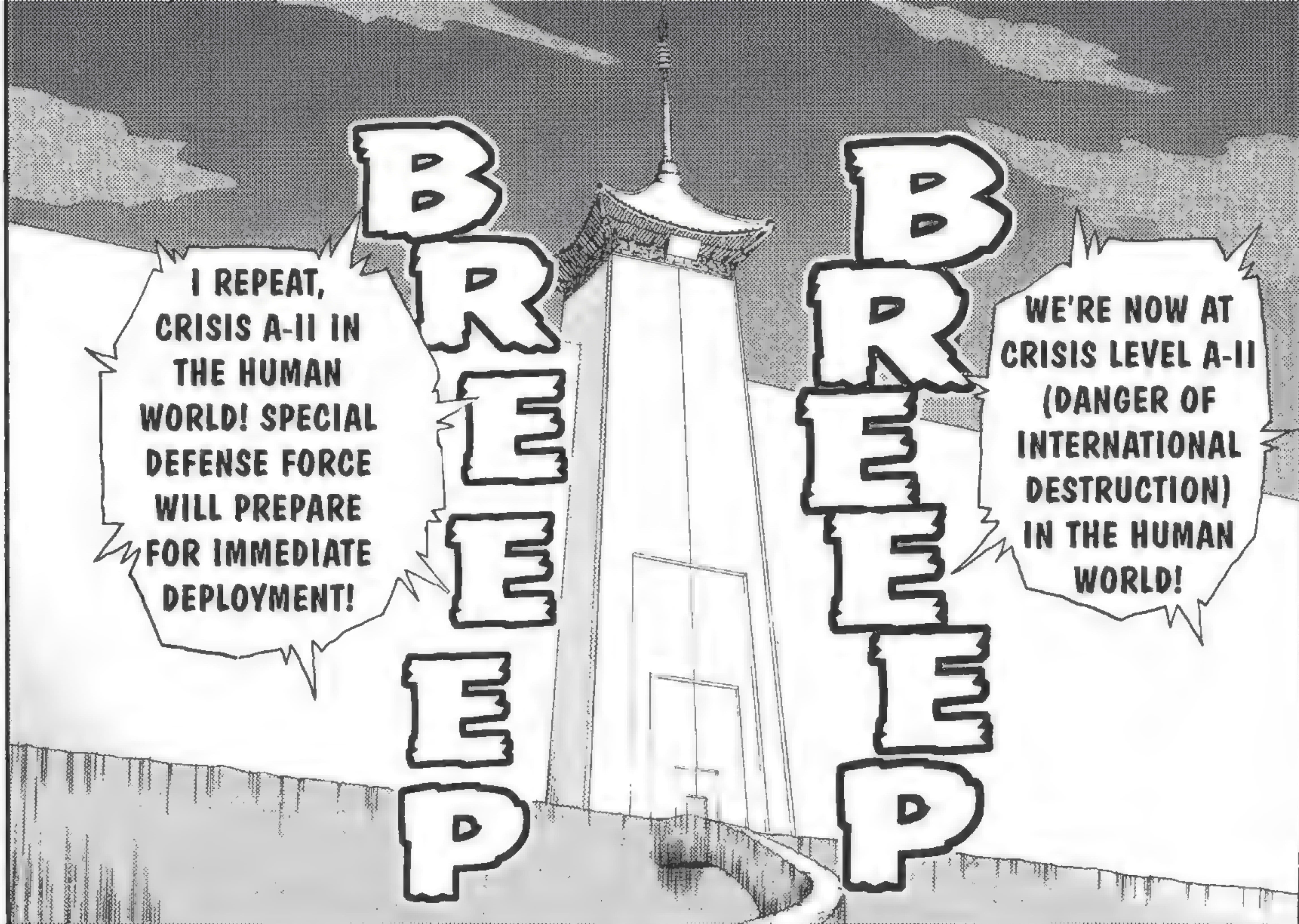
...BUT
YUSUKE'S
SURE TO
MANAGE
IT!!

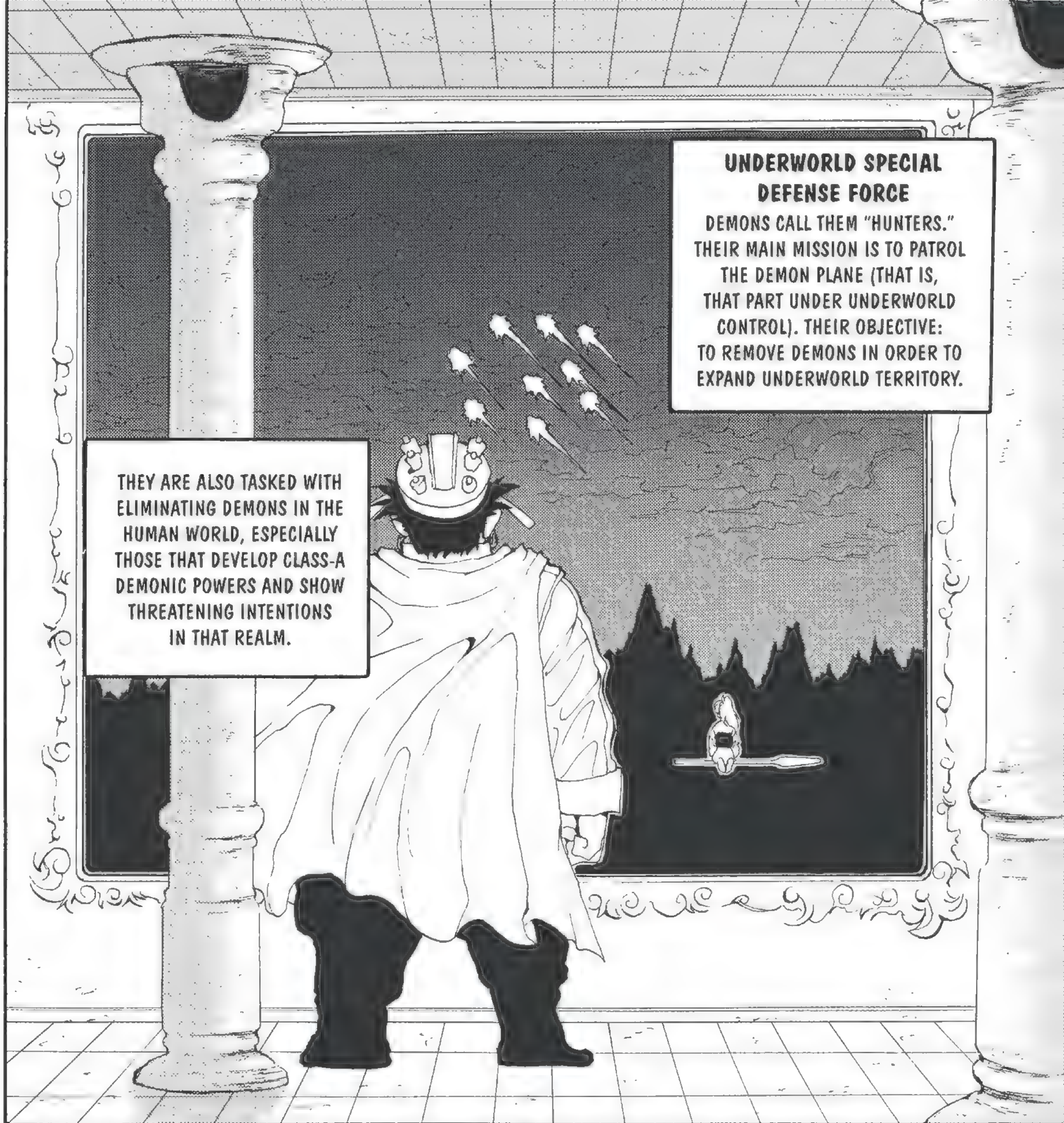
YES...

IT'S TIME
TO DEPLOY
THE SPECIAL
DEFENSE
FORCE.

I
HAVE NO
CHOICE.







**UNDERWORLD SPECIAL
DEFENSE FORCE**

DEMONS CALL THEM "HUNTERS." THEIR MAIN MISSION IS TO PATROL THE DEMON PLANE (THAT IS, THAT PART UNDER UNDERWORLD CONTROL). THEIR OBJECTIVE: TO REMOVE DEMONS IN ORDER TO EXPAND UNDERWORLD TERRITORY.

THEY ARE ALSO TASKED WITH ELIMINATING DEMONS IN THE HUMAN WORLD, ESPECIALLY THOSE THAT DEVELOP CLASS-A DEMONIC POWERS AND SHOW THREATENING INTENTIONS IN THAT REALM.



I HATE THAT SIREN. IT ONLY SOUNDS WHEN THINGS ARE GRIM.



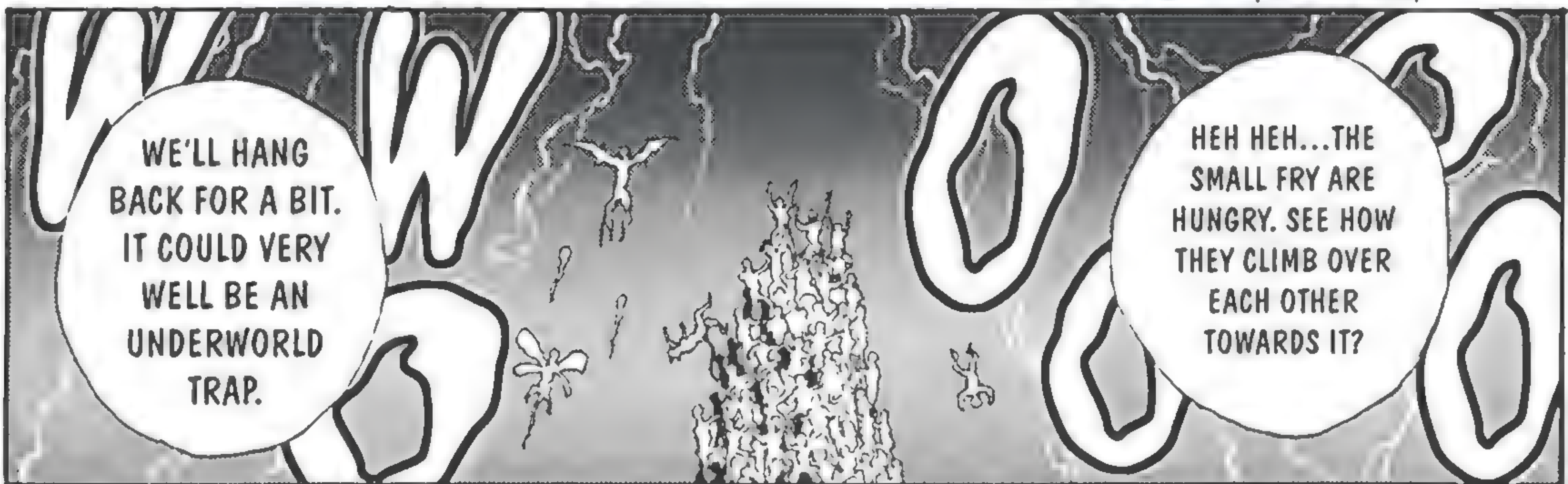
WHAT'VE WE GOTTEN OURSELVES INTO?

I'VE NEVER FELT SO MUCH TENSION IN THE UNDERWORLD.



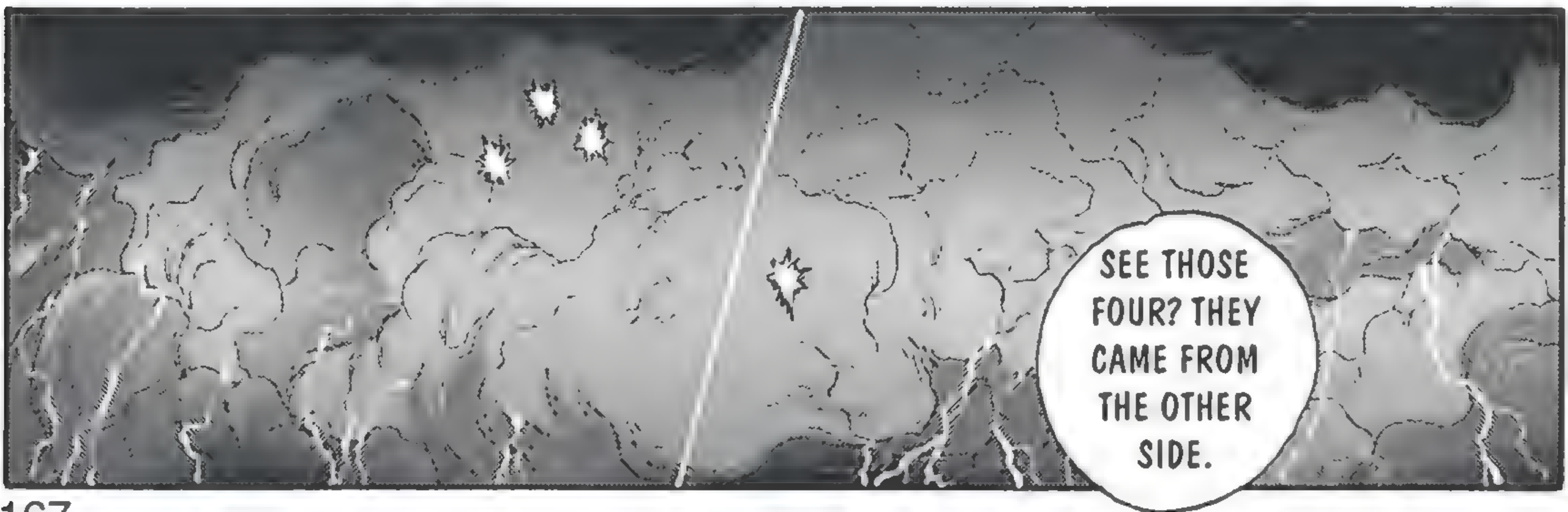
A PORTAL'S
BEEN OPENED
TO THE HUMAN
WORLD.

↑ CLASS-B DEMONS (BIT PLAYERS)



WE'LL HANG
BACK FOR A BIT.
IT COULD VERY
WELL BE AN
UNDERWORLD
TRAP.

HEH HEH...THE
SMALL FRY ARE
HUNGRY. SEE HOW
THEY CLIMB OVER
EACH OTHER
TOWARDS IT?

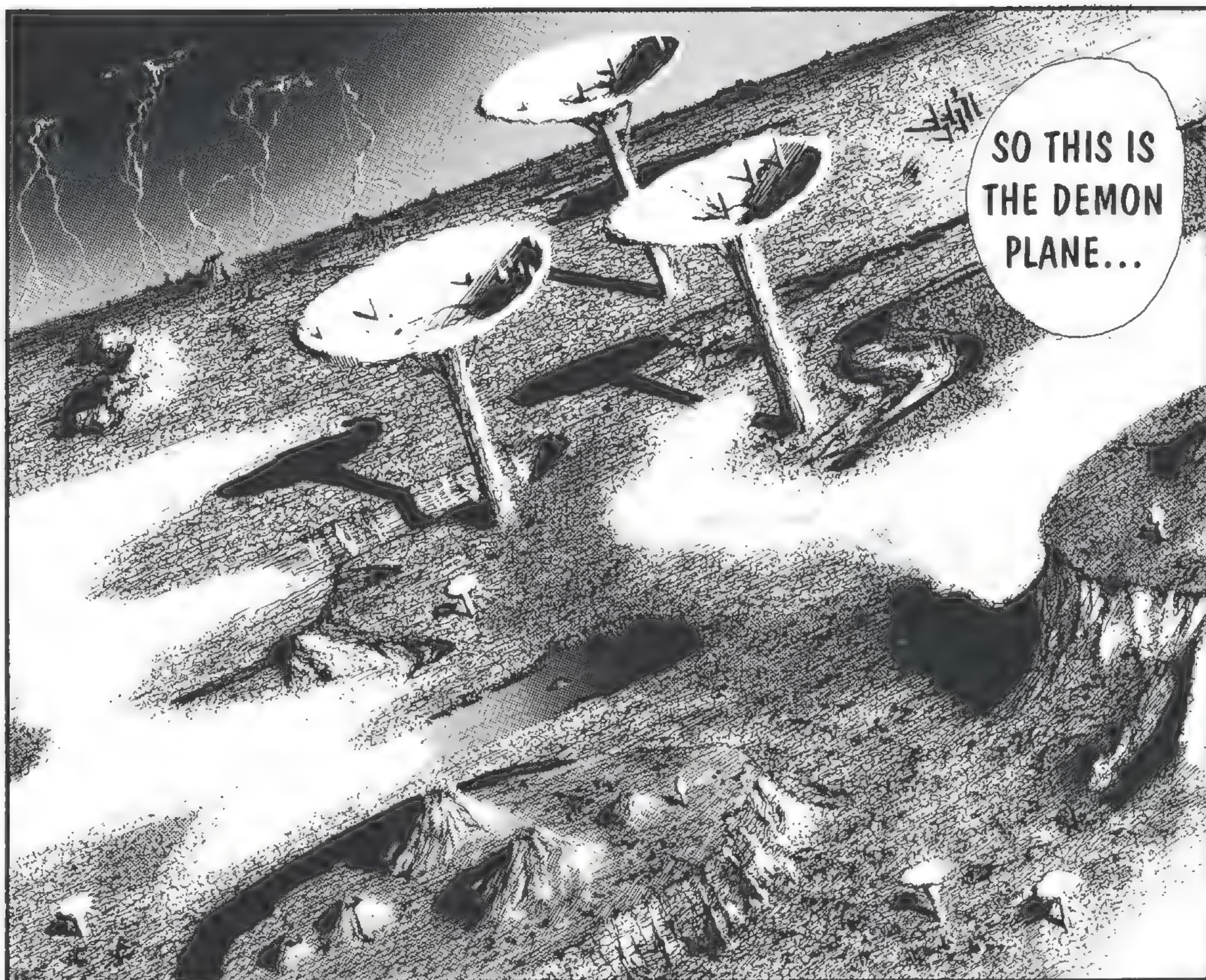


SEE THOSE
FOUR? THEY
CAME FROM
THE OTHER
SIDE.





THE DESPAIR CONTINUES...!!



SO THIS IS
THE DEMON
PLANE...



MAGNI-
FICENT.



IT'S THE
FOOL'S
FOREST.

WE'RE IN
LUCK, THE
DEMONS HERE
AREN'T
SO TOUGH.

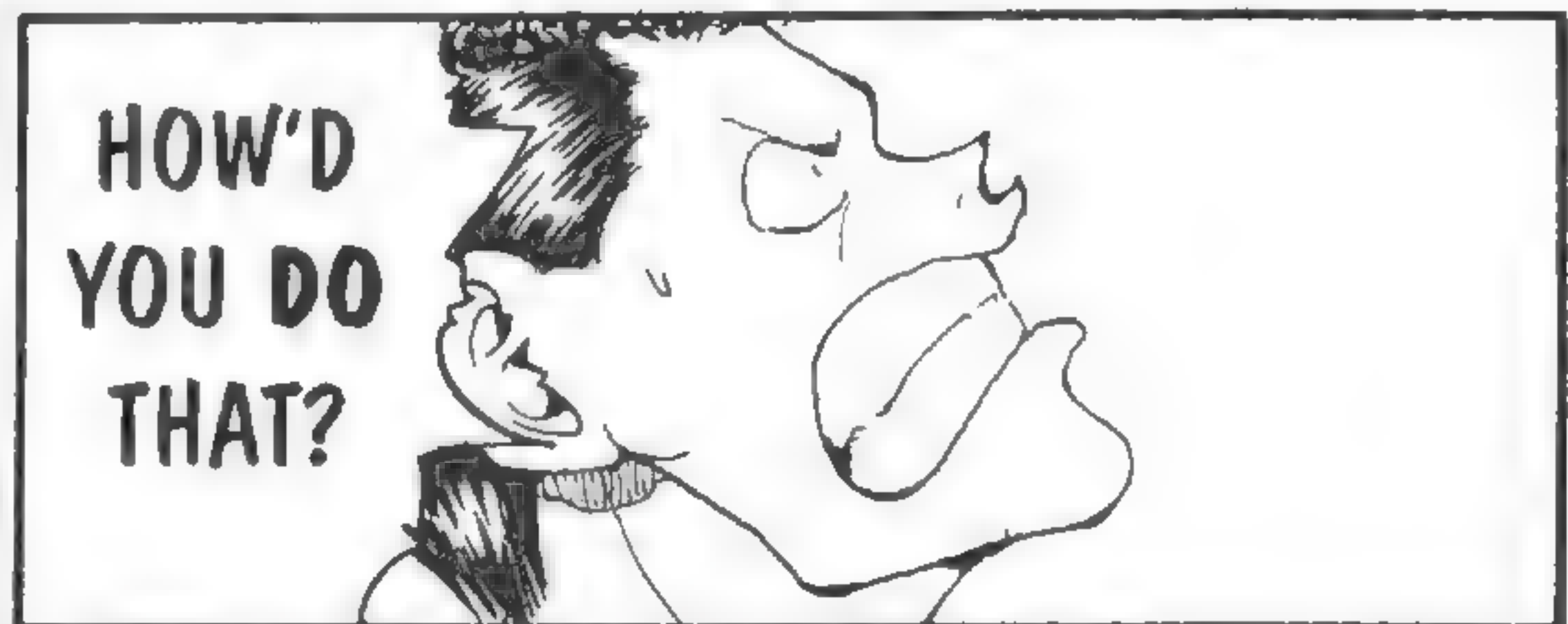


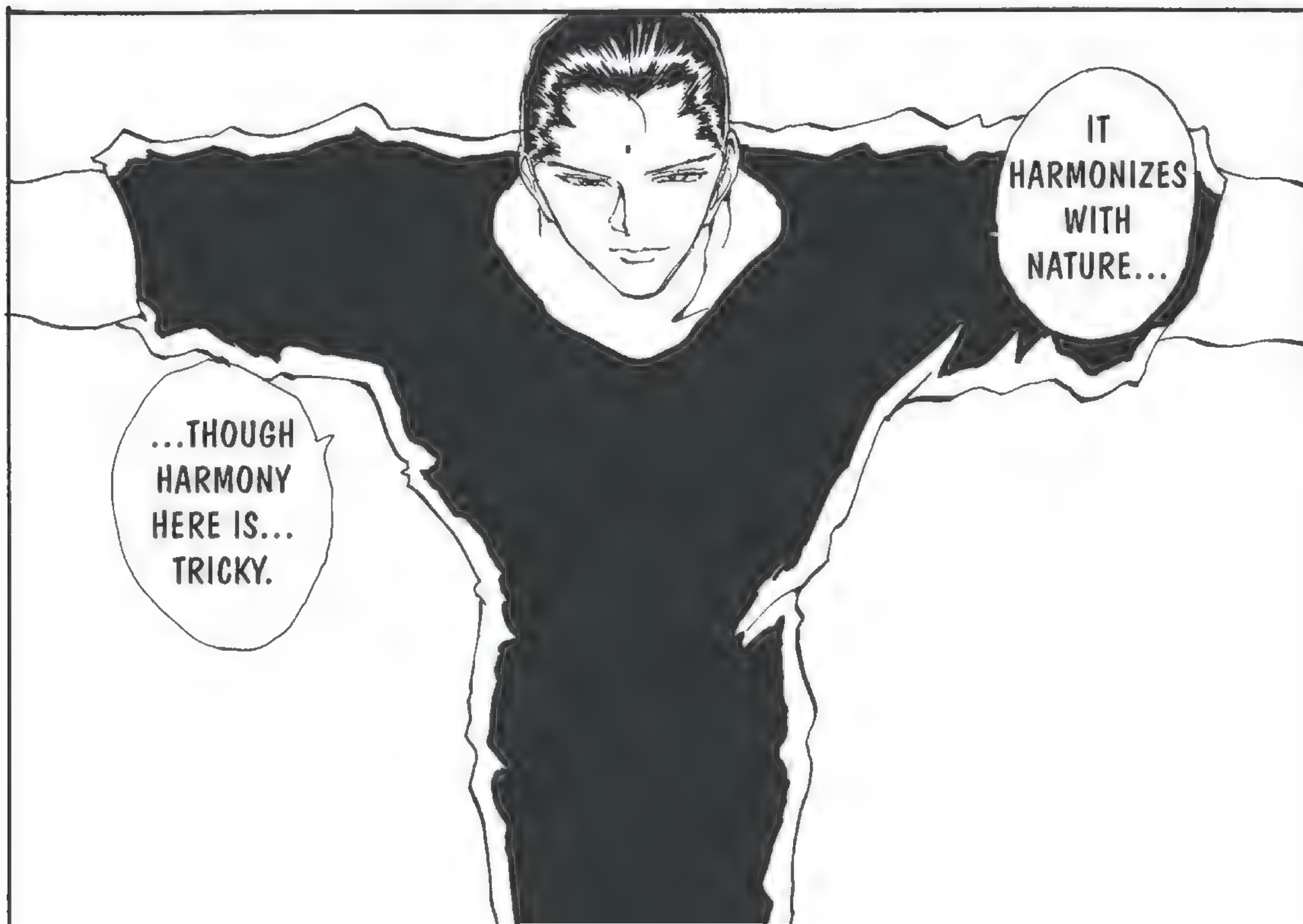
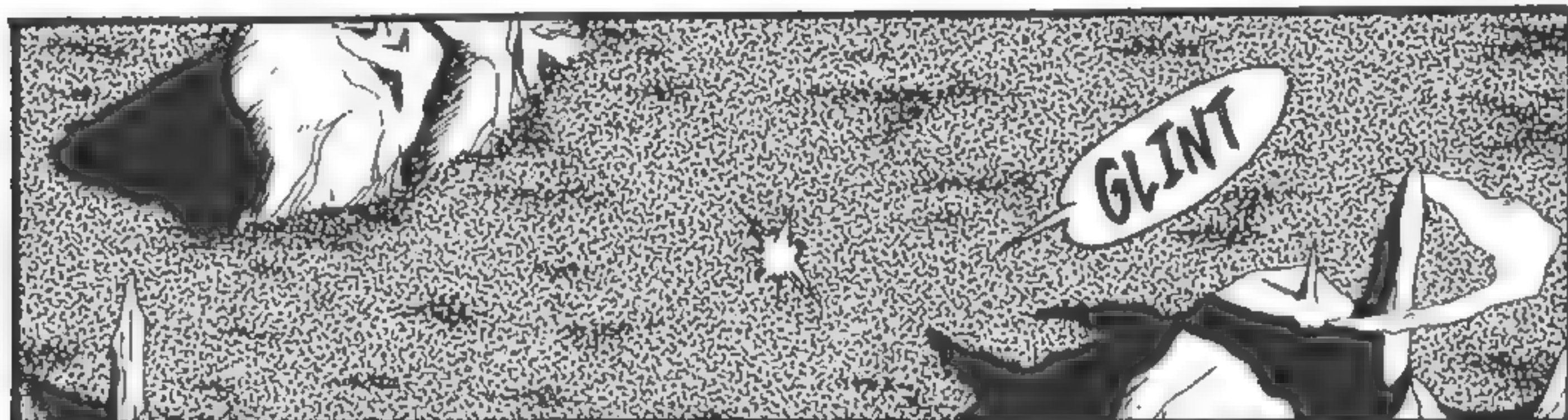
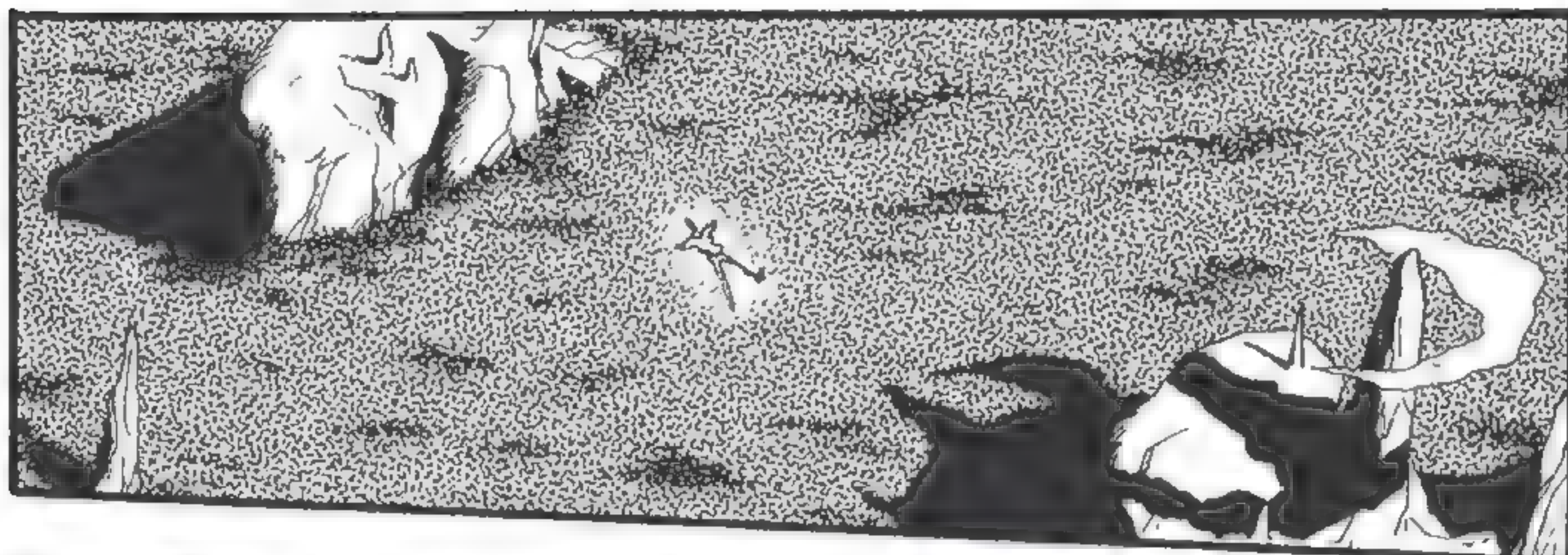
SO IT IS.
WHERE
ARE WE?



HEY! IN
CASE YOU
HADN'T
NOTICED...

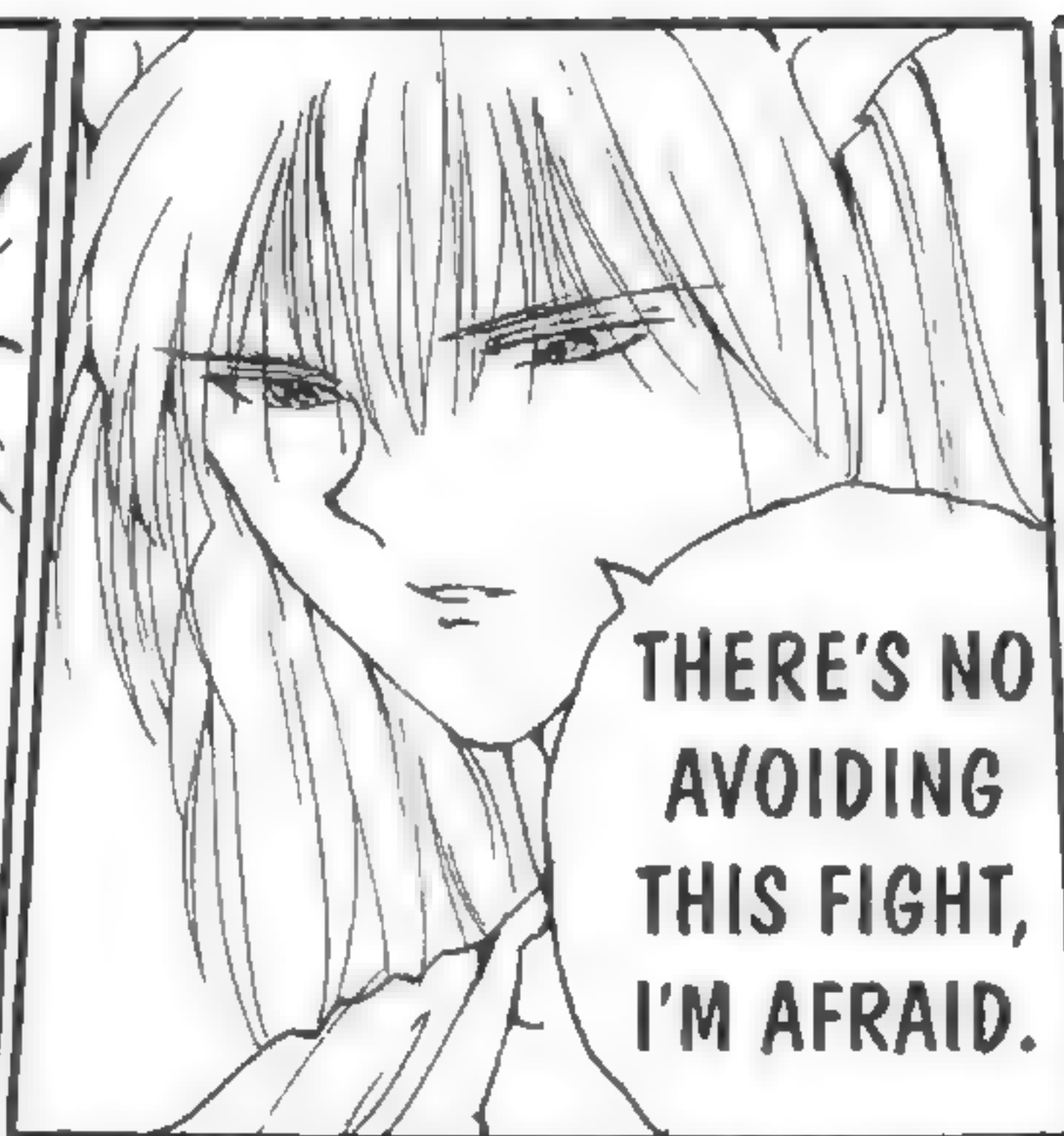
...IT'S A
LONG DROP
FROM
HERE!







I AGREE.
LET'S
SETTLE IT.



THERE'S NO
AVOIDING
THIS FIGHT,
I'M AFRAID.



DOESN'T
ANYTHING
THROW
HIM?!



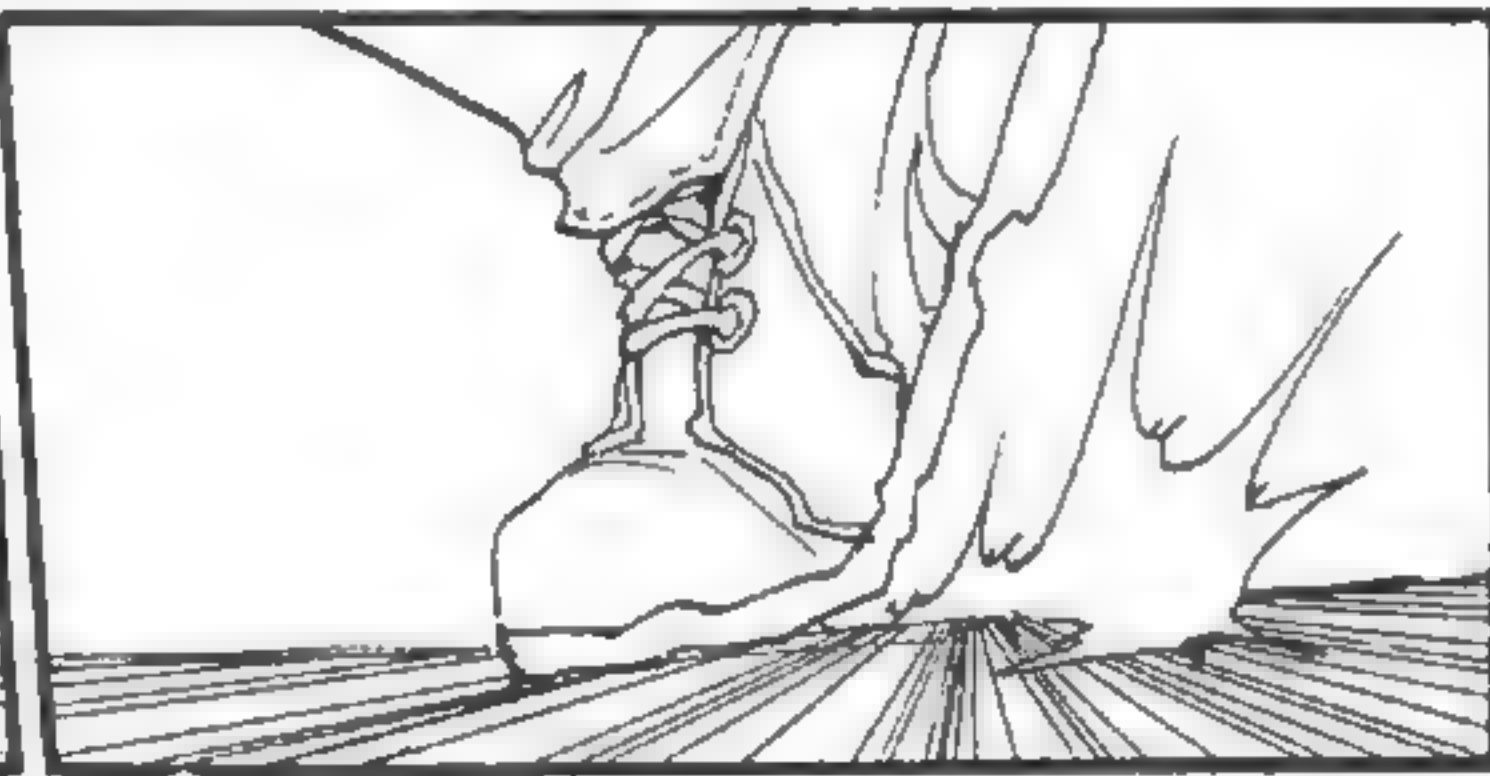
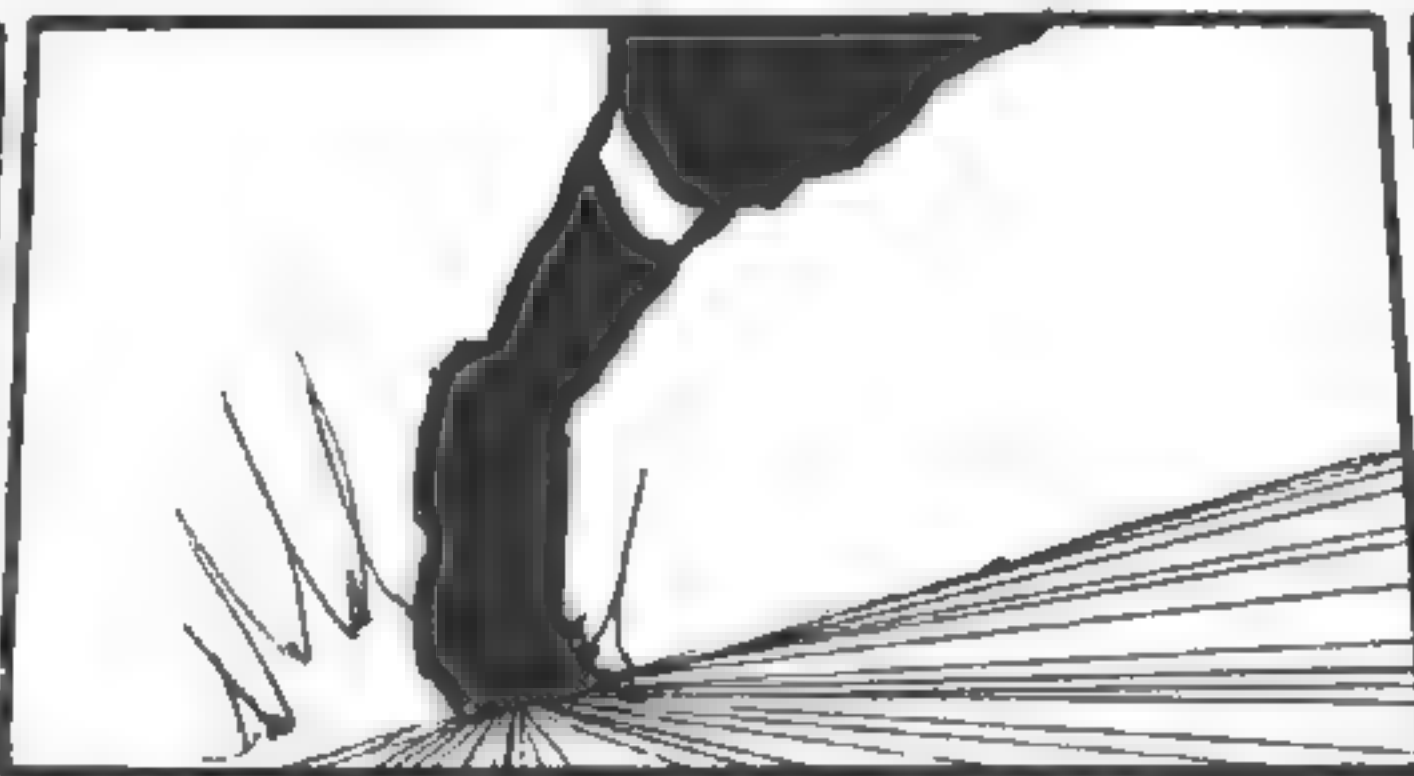
WHY DON'T
WE TAKE IT
OVER THERE?

NOT HERE,
OVER THIS
BEAUTIFUL
FOREST.



CHOPPING
BLOCK
PLATEAU.

THAT'S A
GOOD
CHOICE,
I ADMIT.





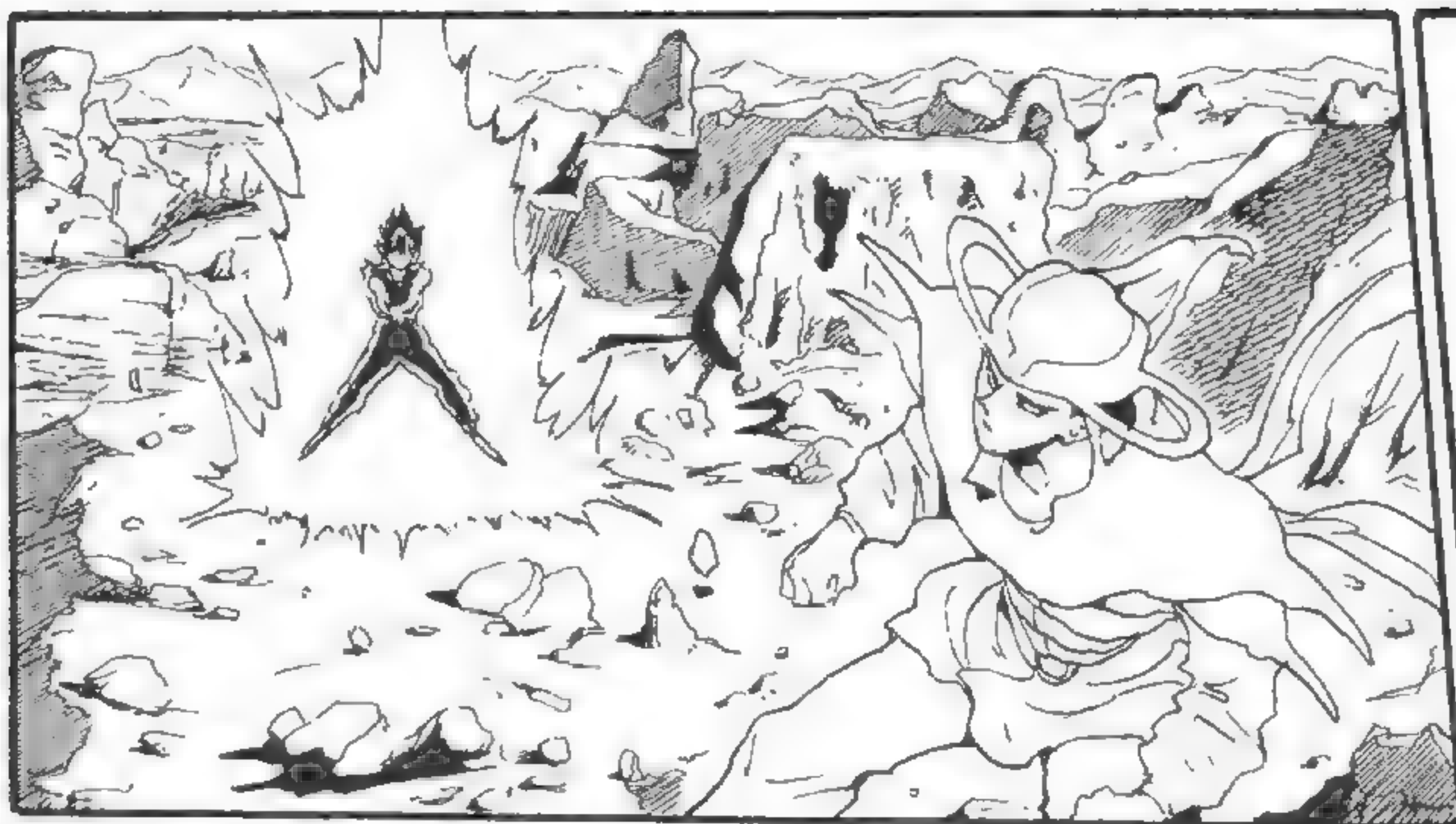


**STEEL
CHI
CLOTH!**

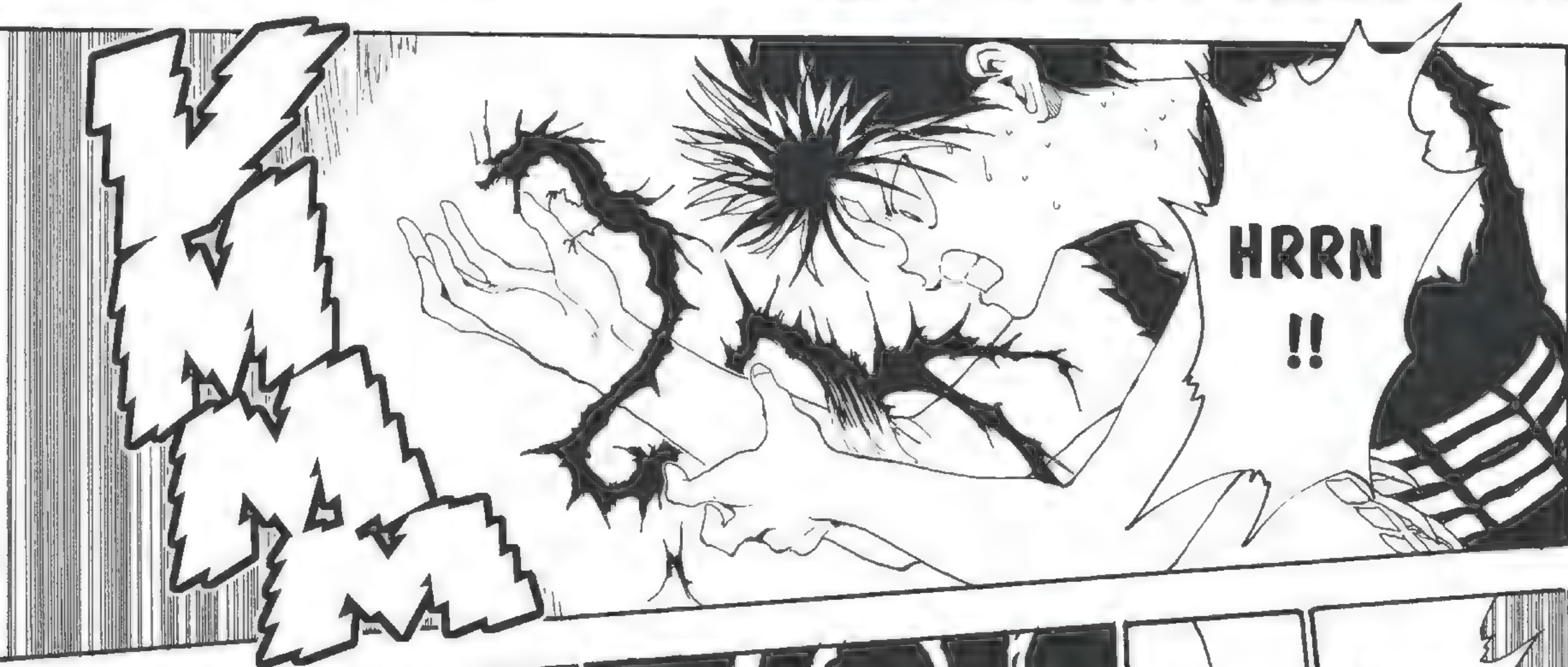


**YOU'RE
FAMILIAR
WITH THAT
TECHNIQUE,
KURAMA.**

**HEIGHTENED
CHI TURNED
INTO ARMOR
AND WEAPONS.**



MEANING
YOURS IS
BETTER, I
SUPPOSE?



HRRN
!!



RRRUM
BLE



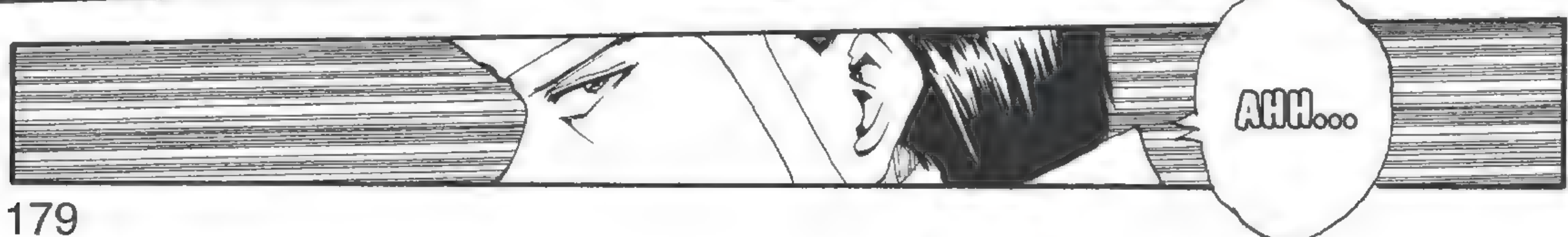
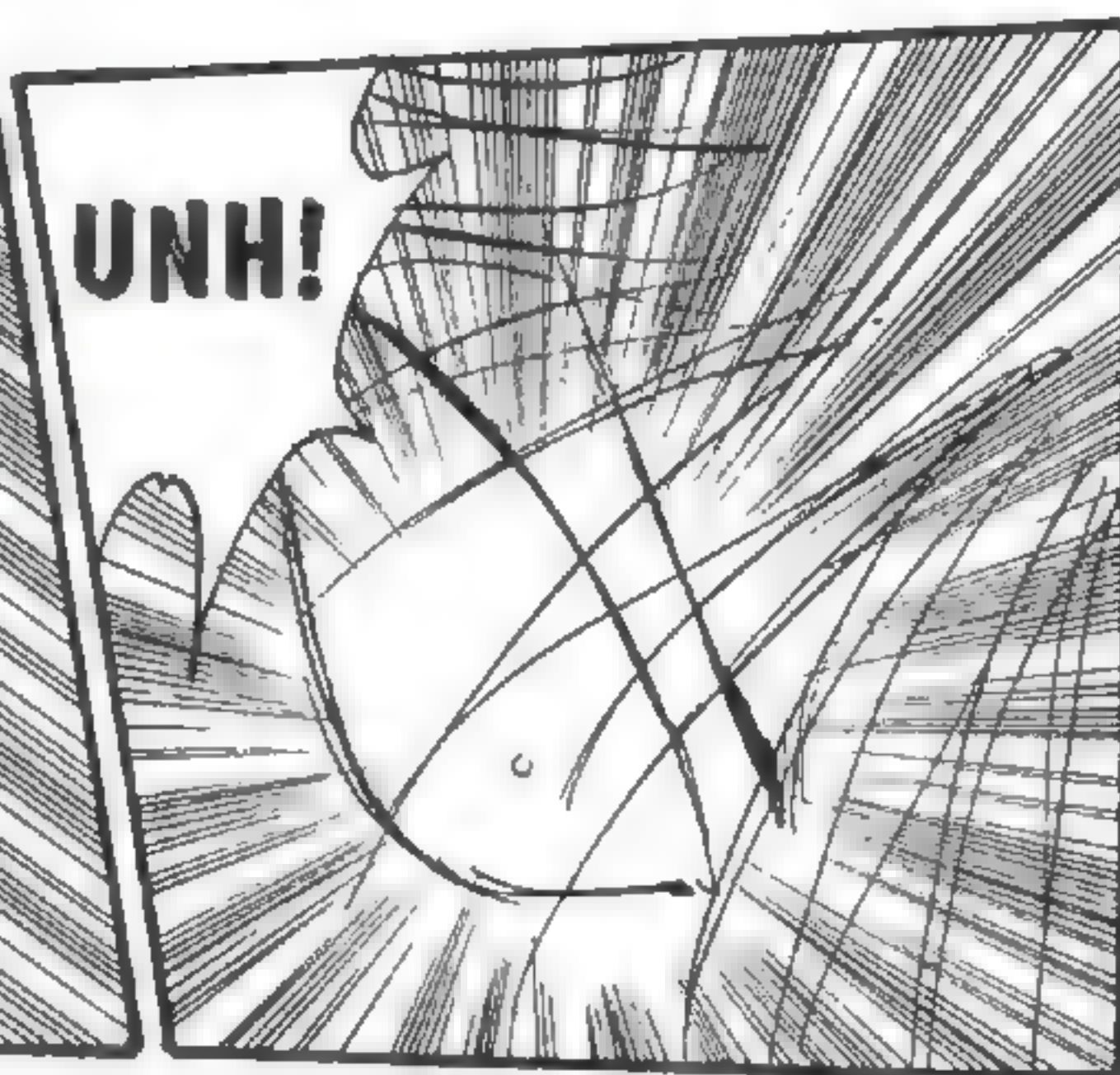
SHA
!!

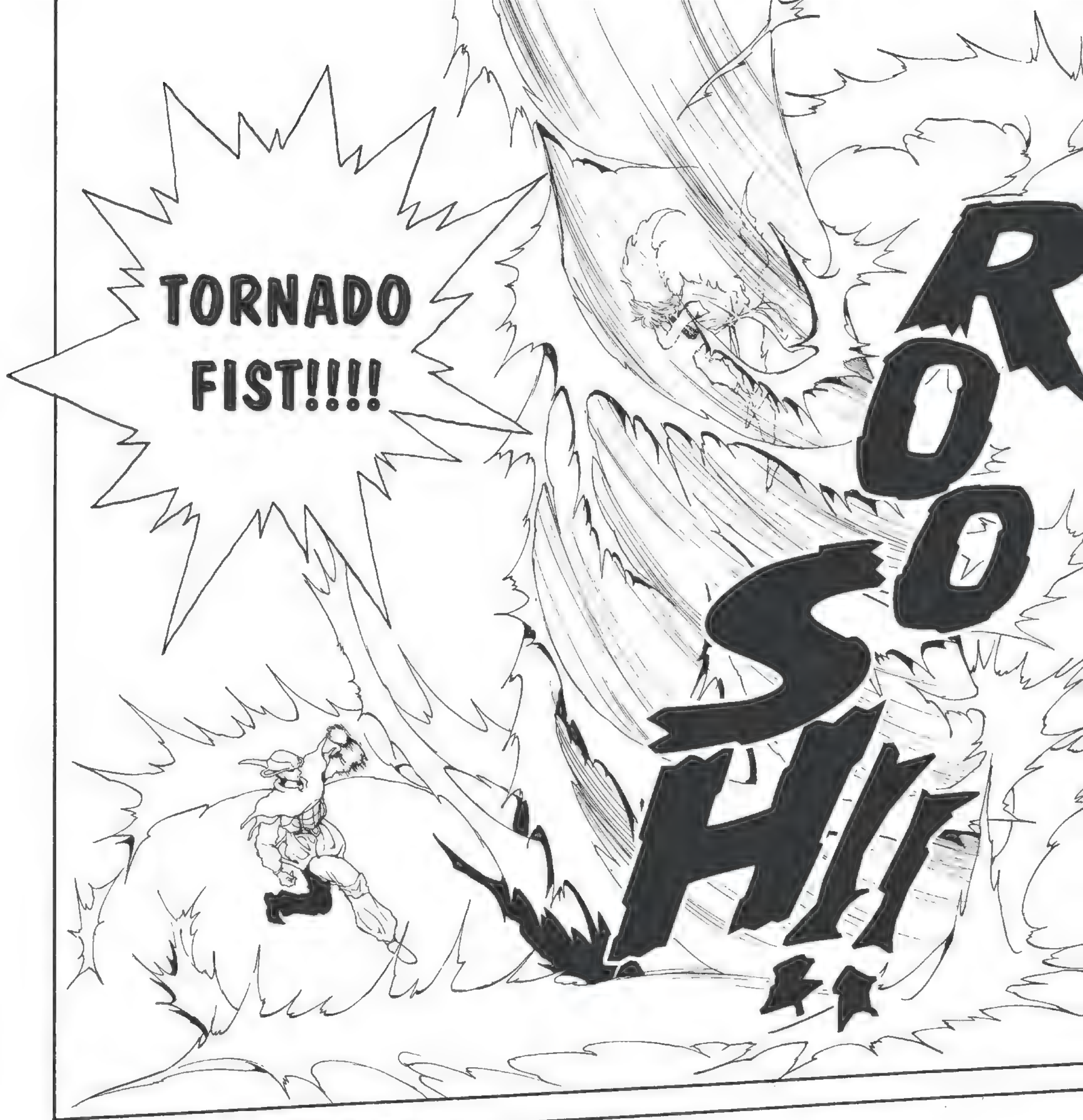


...
ANOTHER
BLACK
DRAGON
?!

HIE'S
RISKING
WAY TOO
MUCH...







WHOOSH

YOU
SCUM!!

BLAZING
SWORD
OF THE
OVERLORD
!!



THOONK!!



GLUH
...



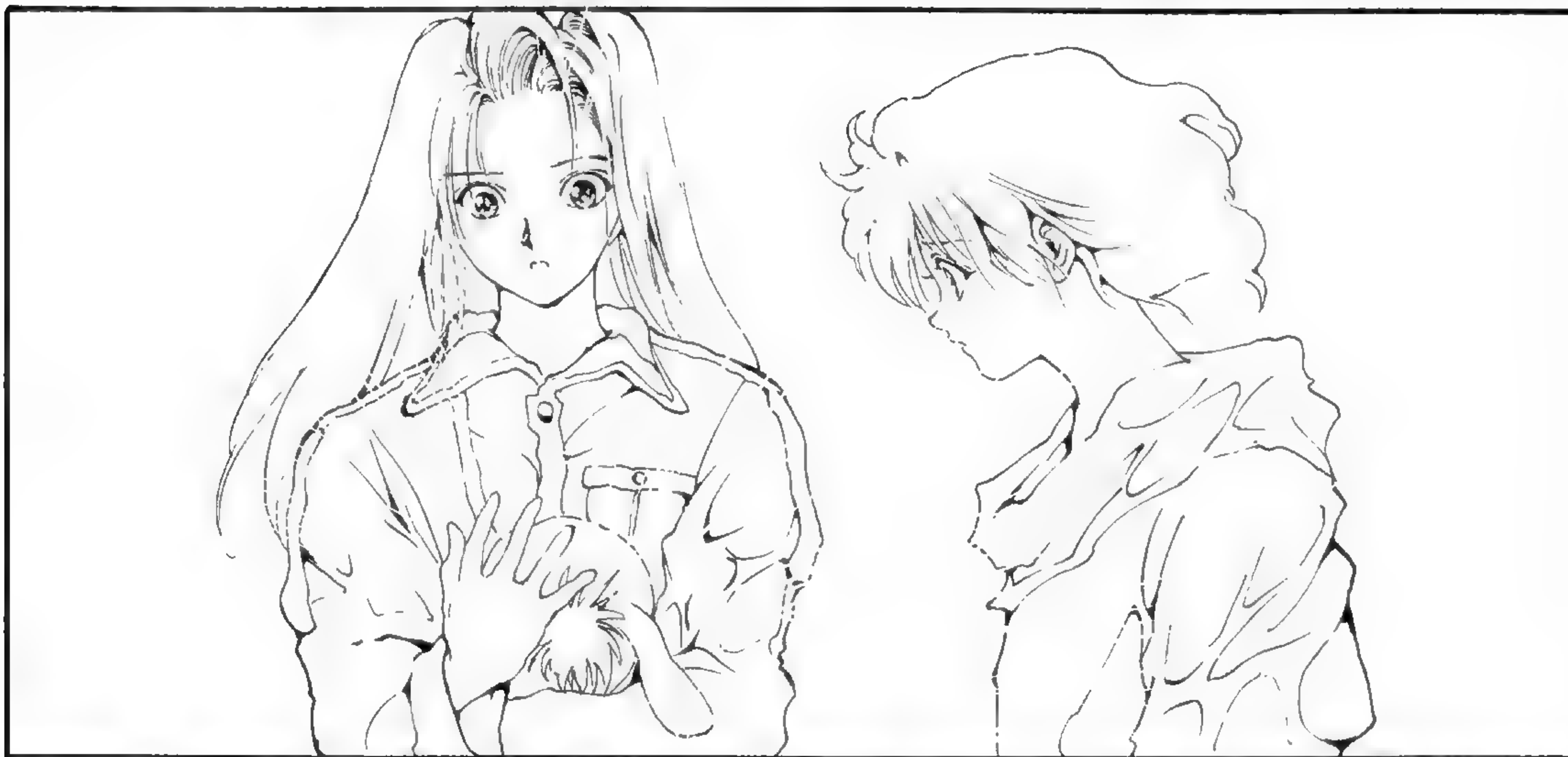
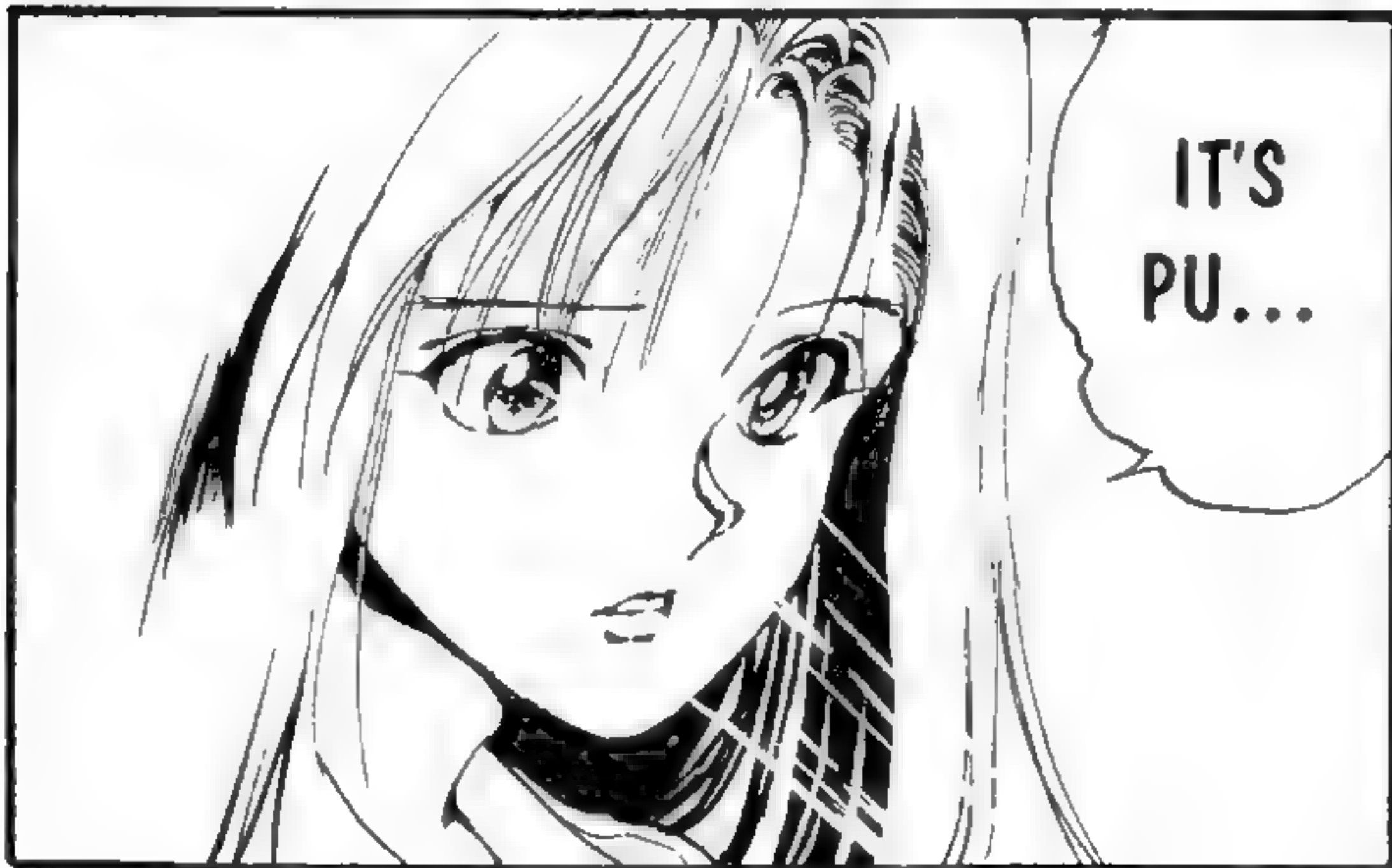
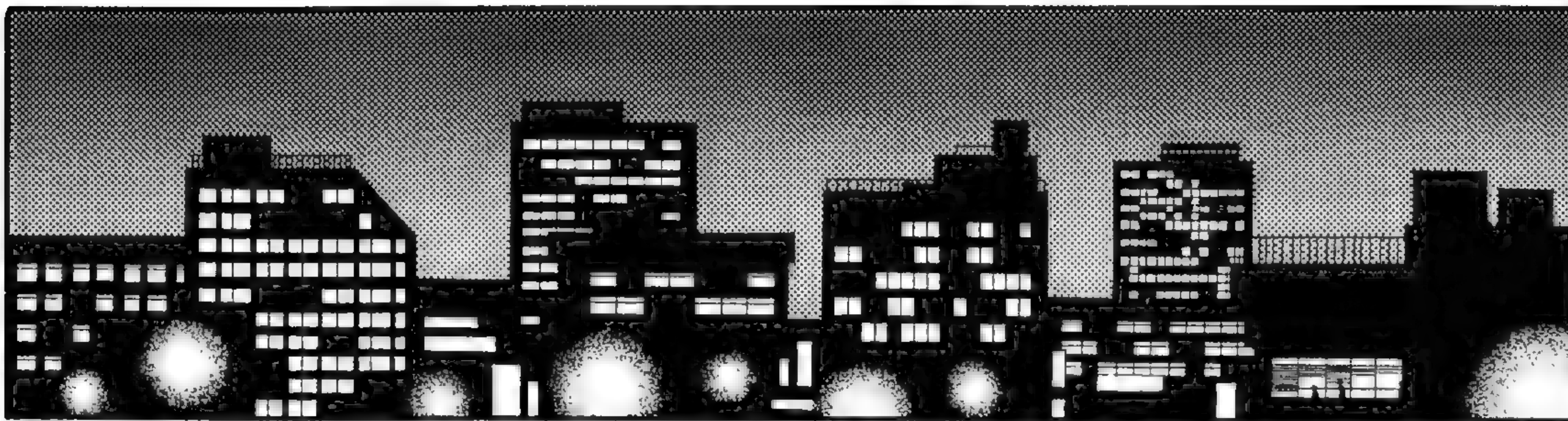
WHAT'S HE
MADE OF...?

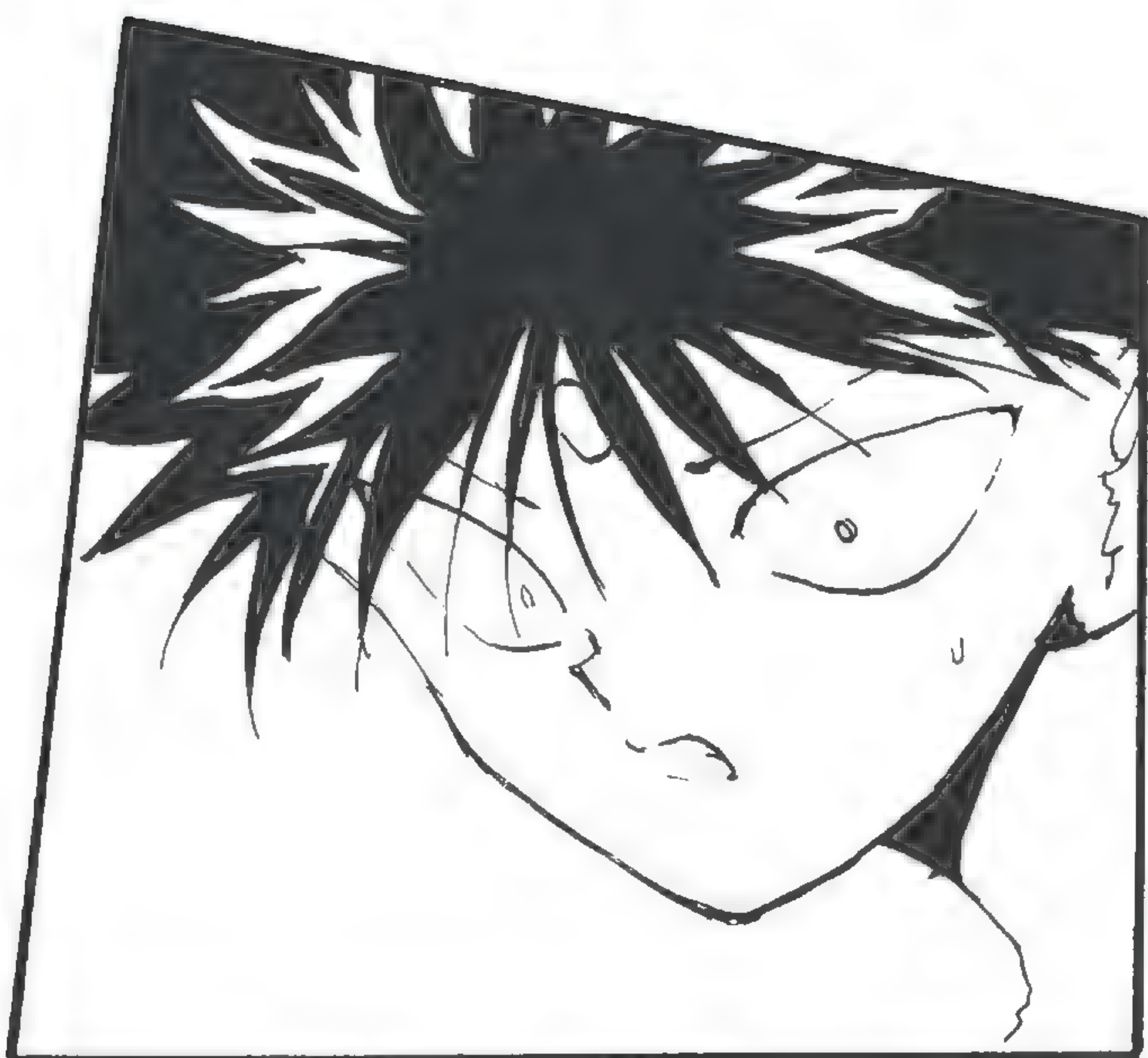


YOU WON'T
DIE EASY,
I'M AFRAID.

AT MY LEVEL
OF POWER
I HIT TOO
HARD,
TOO FAST.







MOMENT OF AWAKENING!!

PU,
HE'S...

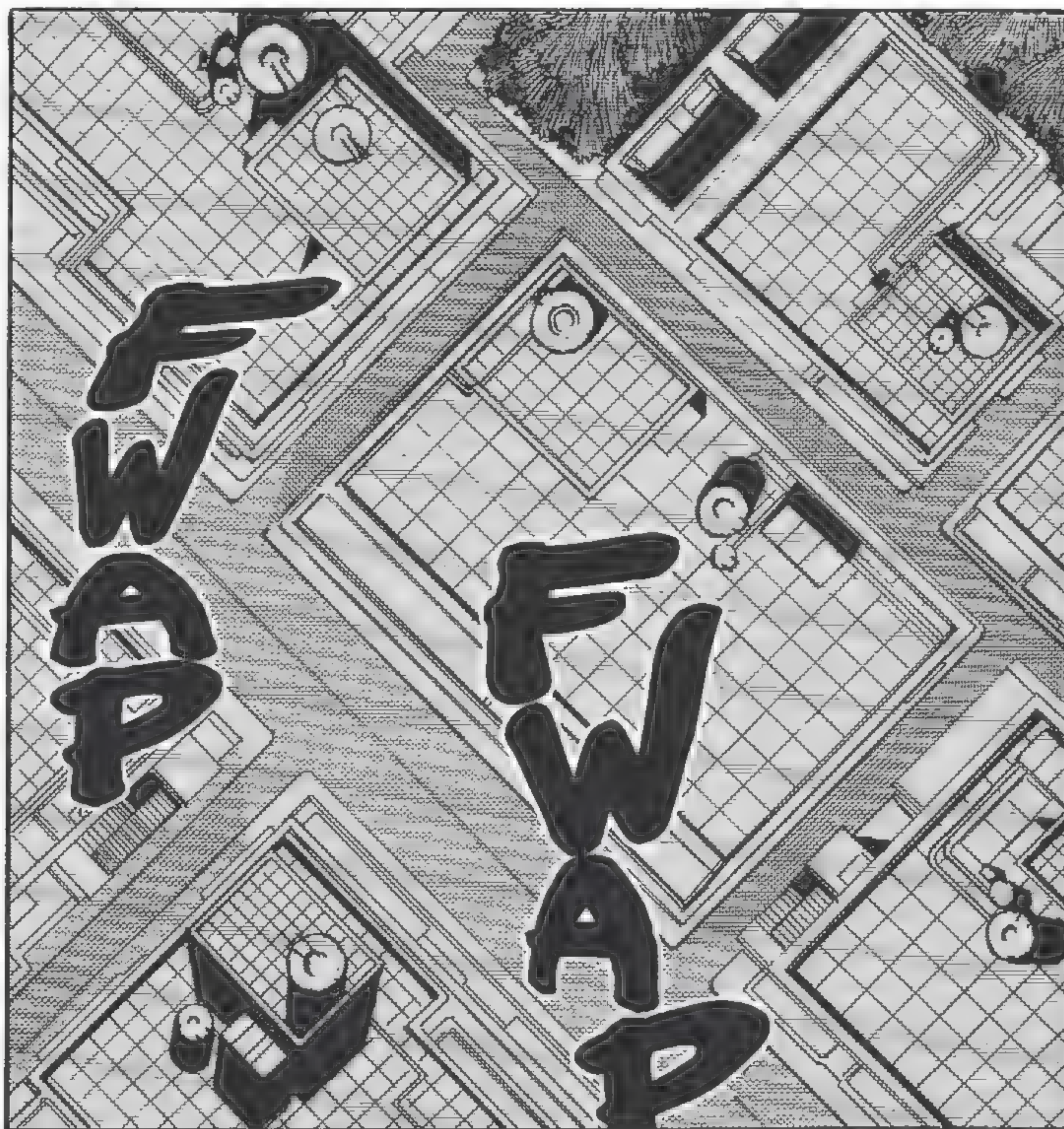
YIKES
!!

FLASH



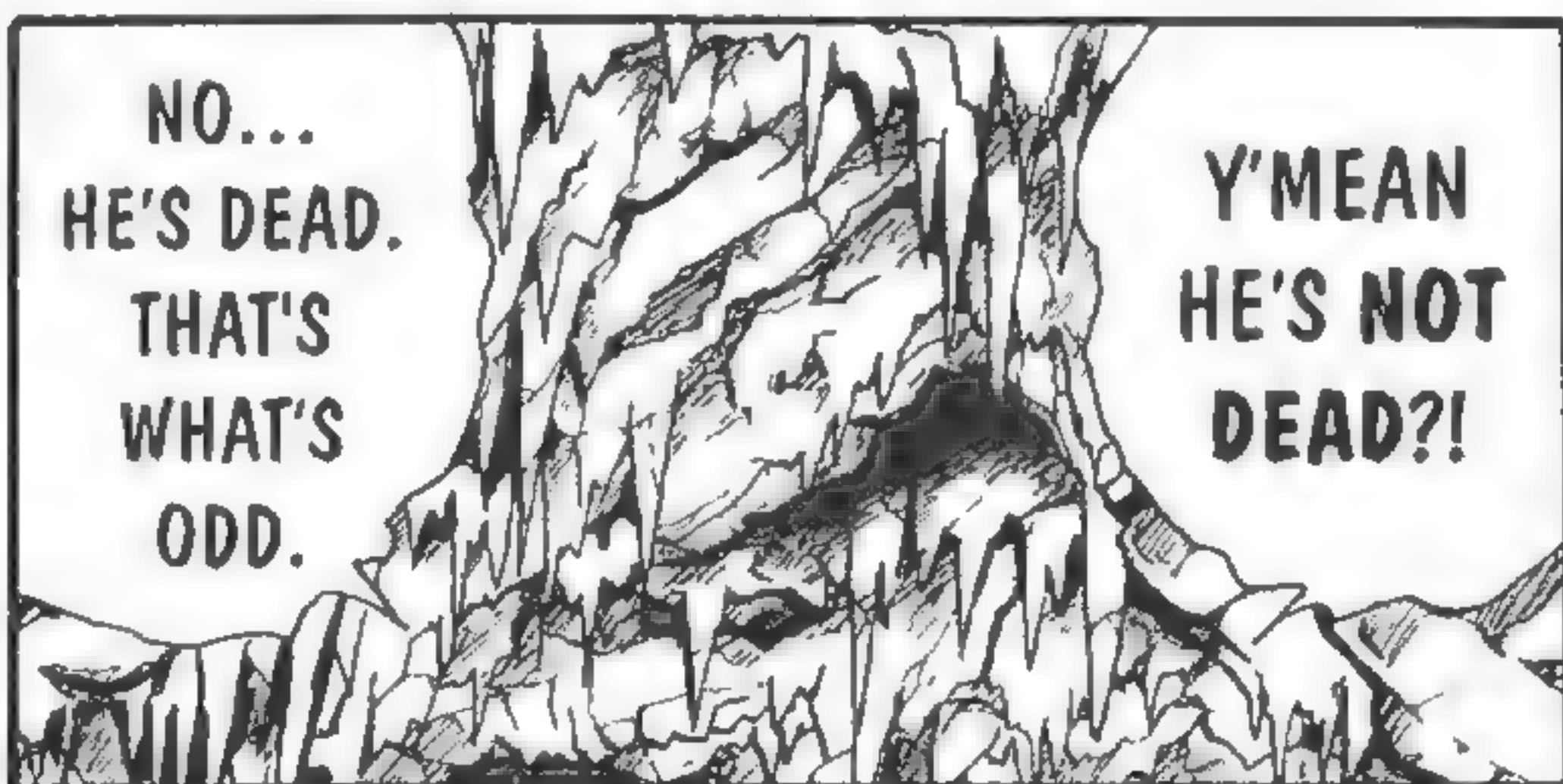
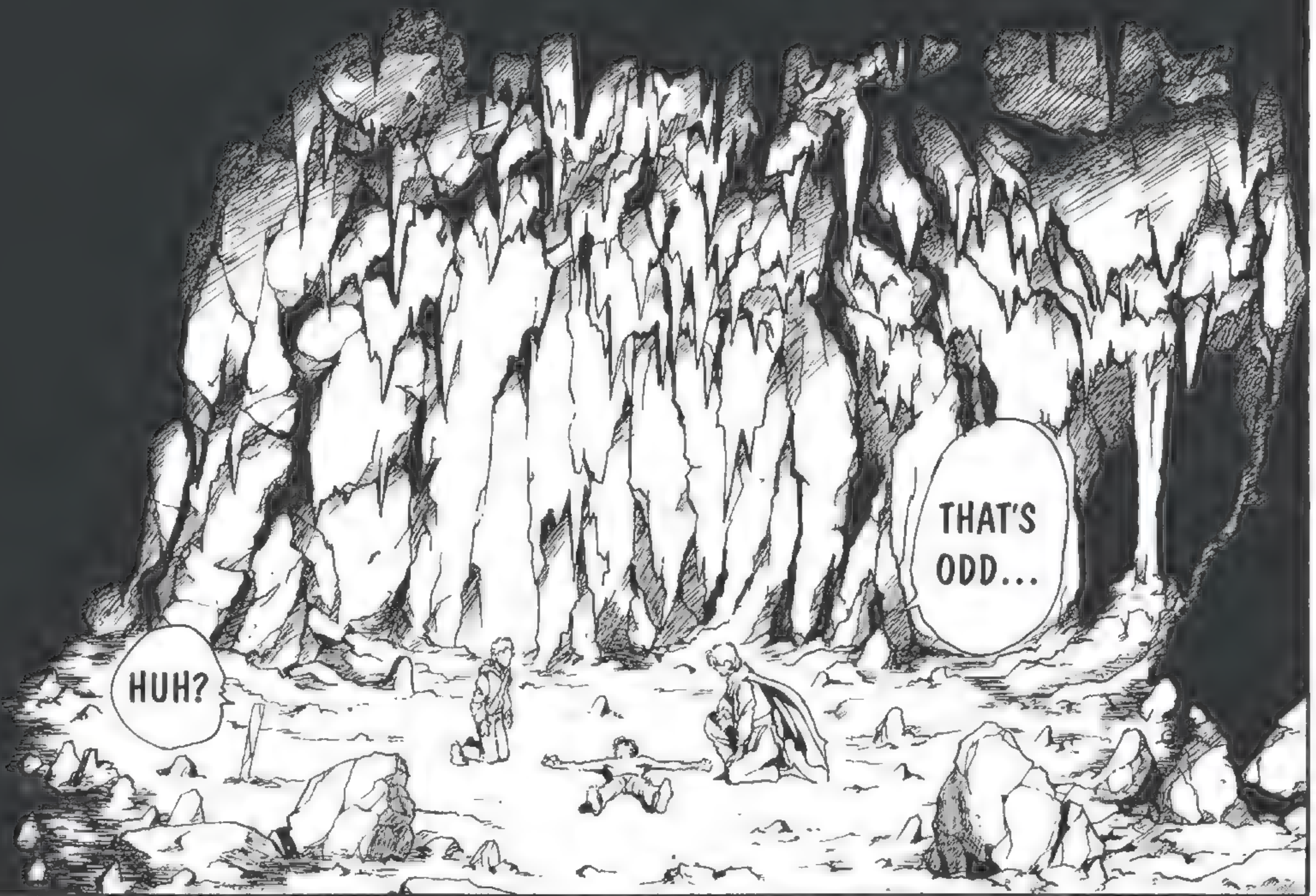
...PU?!

WAS
THAT...



MOMENT OF AWAKENING!!

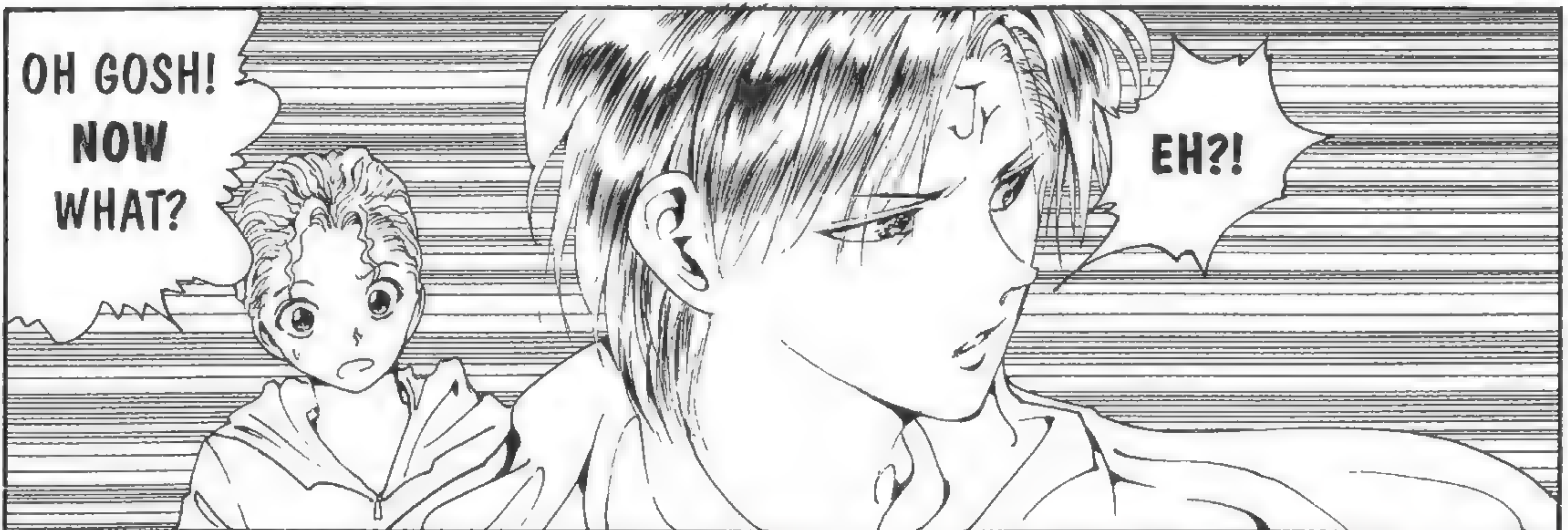




Y'MEAN HE'S NOT DEAD?!

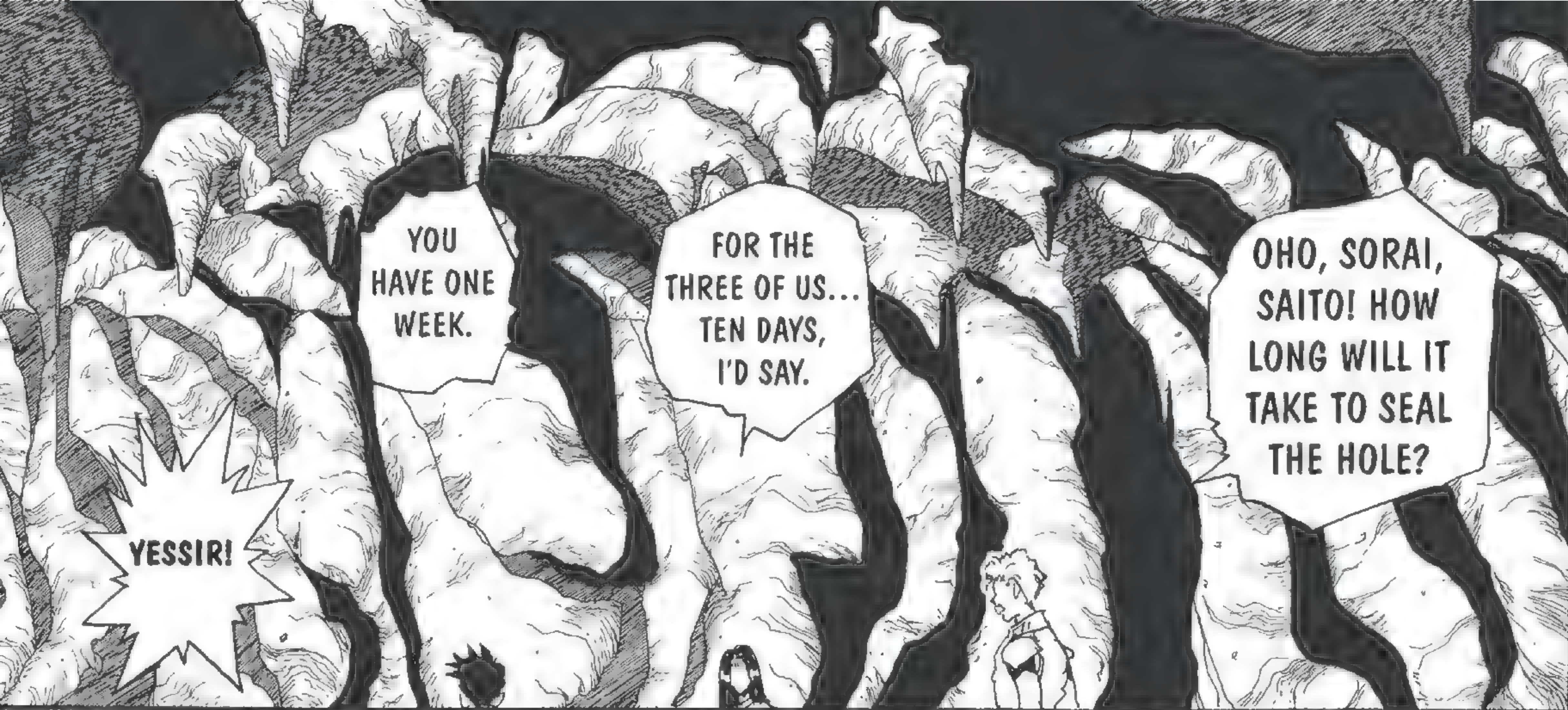
...YET HIS GHOST HASN'T EMERGED.

YUSUKE'S HEART'S NOT BEATING...





**THE
UNDERWORLD
SPECIAL
DEFENSE
FORCE!**



YOU
HAVE ONE
WEEK.

FOR THE
THREE OF US...
TEN DAYS,
I'D SAY.

OHO, SORAI,
SAITO! HOW
LONG WILL IT
TAKE TO SEAL
THE HOLE?

YESSIR!



THE
UNDERWORLD
ARMY'S MOST
ELITE SPECIAL
SQUAD.

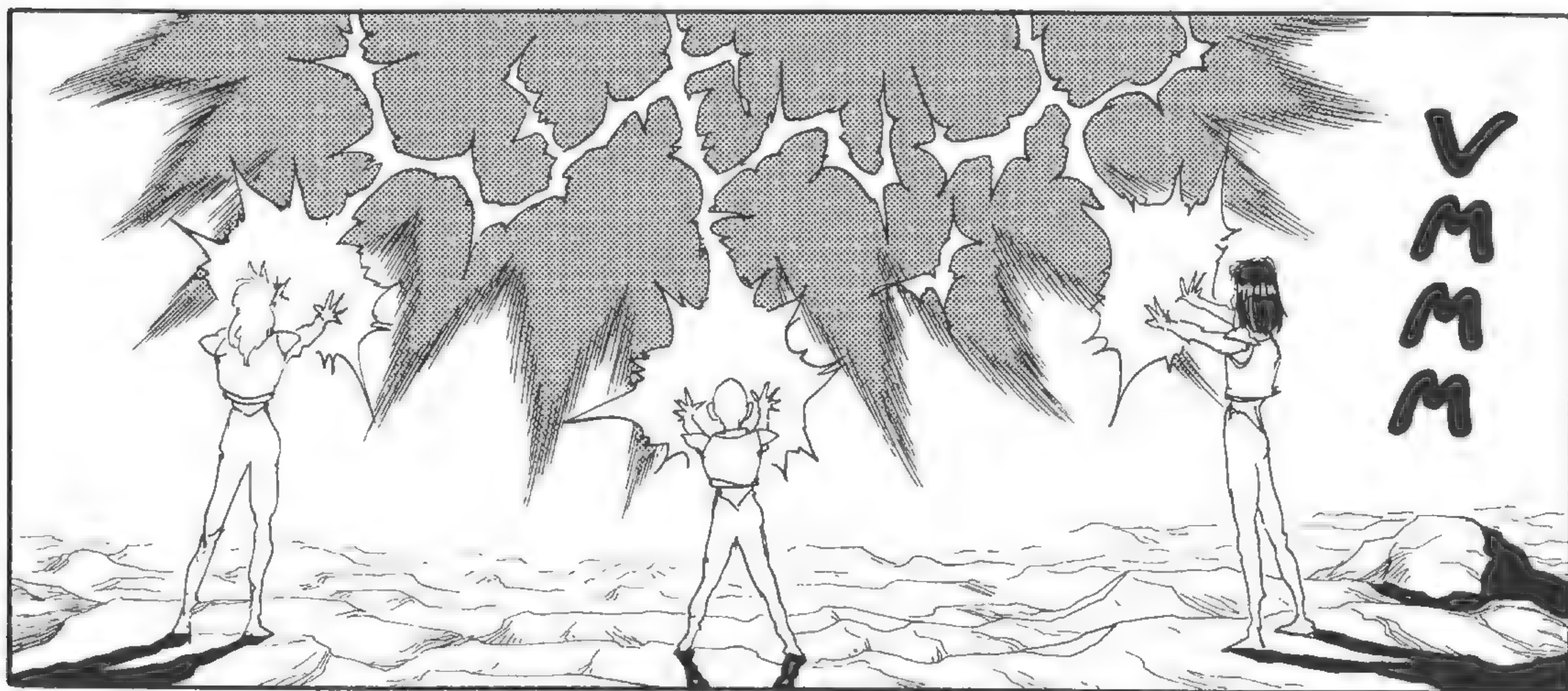
WHO ARE
THEY?!



YESSIR
!!

DEAL WITH
ANY DEMON
INTRUDERS.

RYOHI,
RINBAI,
SHUNJUN!
STAND BY IN
HYPER-
SPACE!!



V
M
M
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...KING YAMA
HAS ORDERED
YOU TO
RETURN!!

NOT ADVISABLE.
YOU'VE
EXPENDED YOUR
AURA, AND IN
ANY EVENT...

Captain
Ohtake



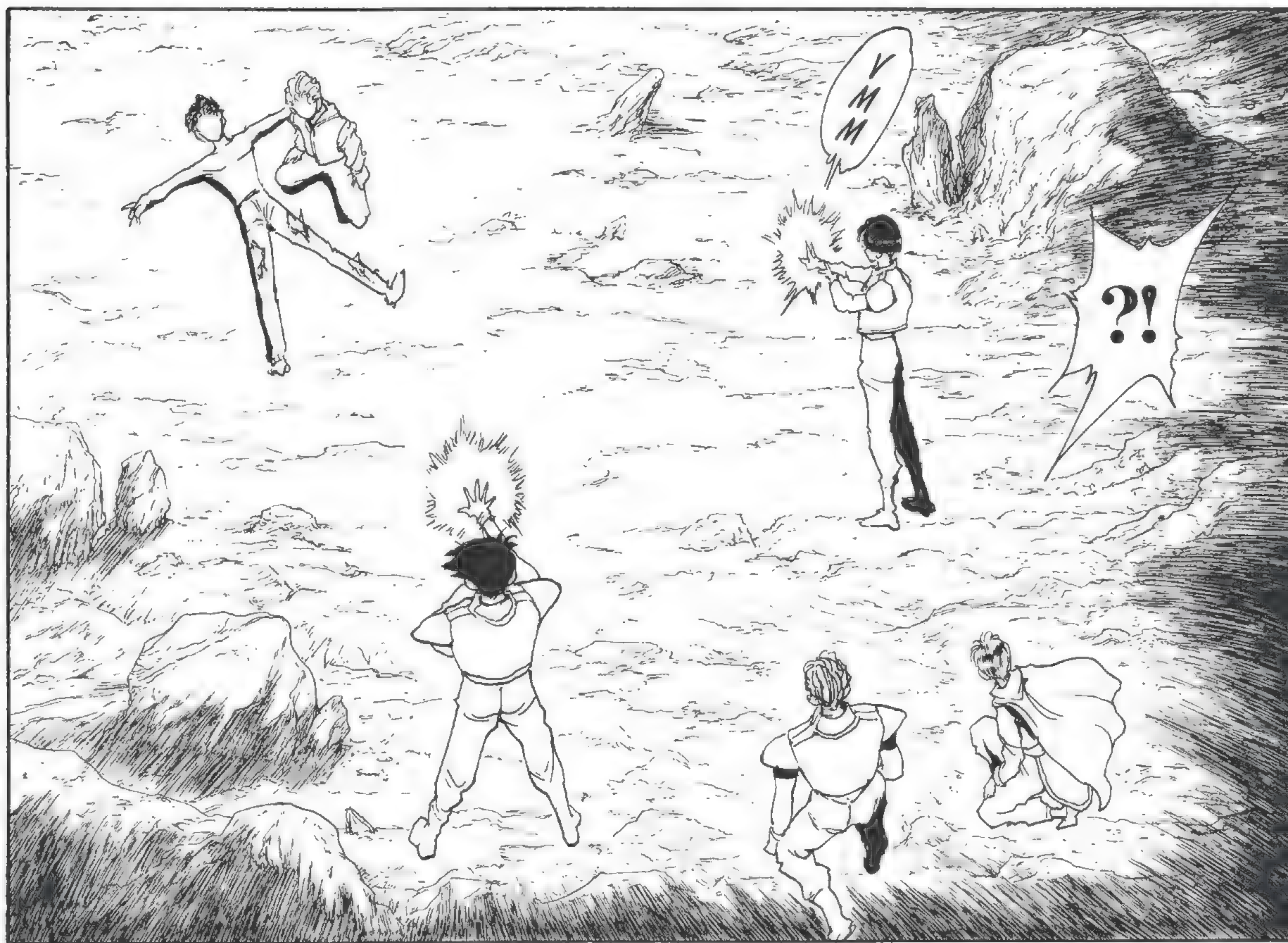
YES, BUT
I'LL MEND.

ARE YOU
HURT,
SIR?



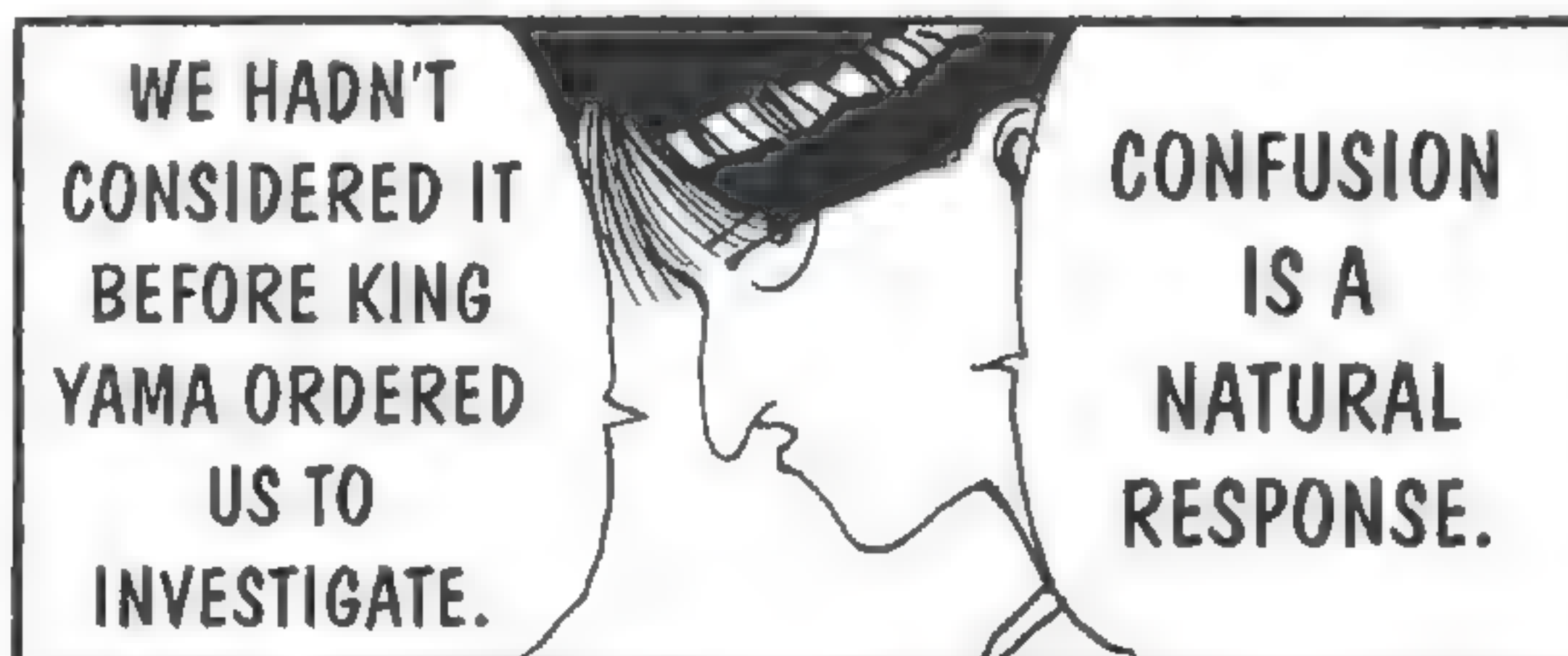
NO! I'M
GOING INTO
THE DEMON
PLANE!

THEN YOU
SHOULD
LEAVE THIS
TO US...





YUSUKE
URAMESHI
MUST BE
ELIMINATED.



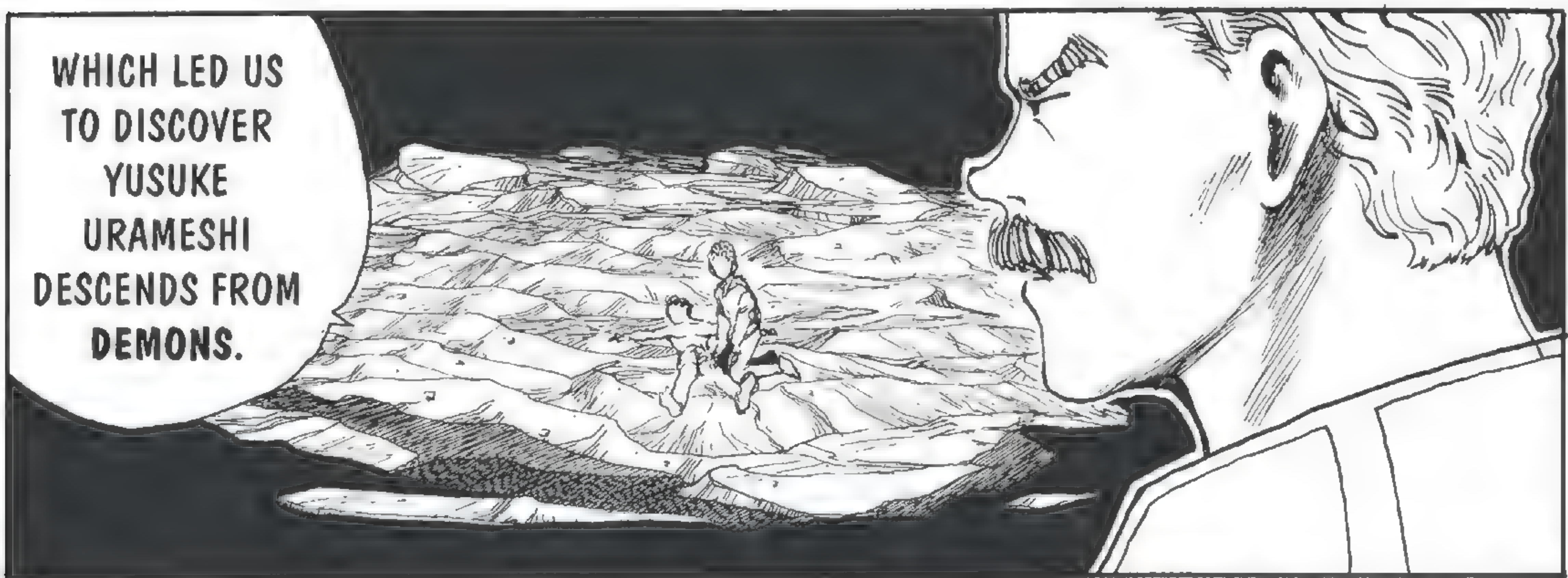
WE HADN'T
CONSIDERED IT
BEFORE KING
YAMA ORDERED
US TO
INVESTIGATE.

CONFUSION
IS A
NATURAL
RESPONSE.



YOU
CAN'T
MEAN
THAT!

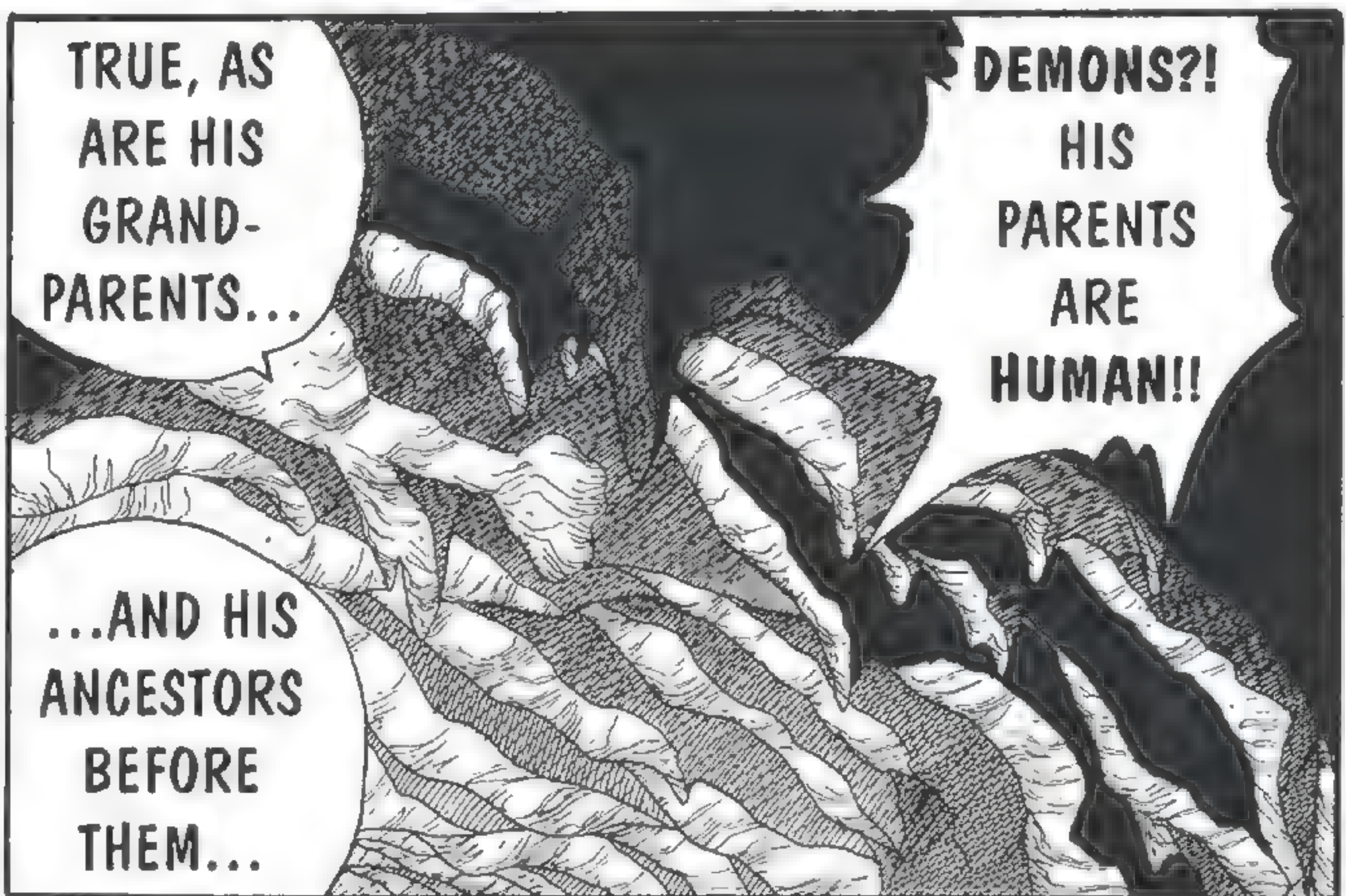
WAIT!



WHICH LED US
TO DISCOVER
YUSUKE
URAMESHI
DESCENDS FROM
DEMONS.



...DEMON
THROW-
BACK?!



TRUE, AS
ARE HIS
GRAND-
PARENTS...

...AND HIS
ANCESTORS
BEFORE
THEM...

DEMONS?!
HIS
PARENTS
ARE
HUMAN!!



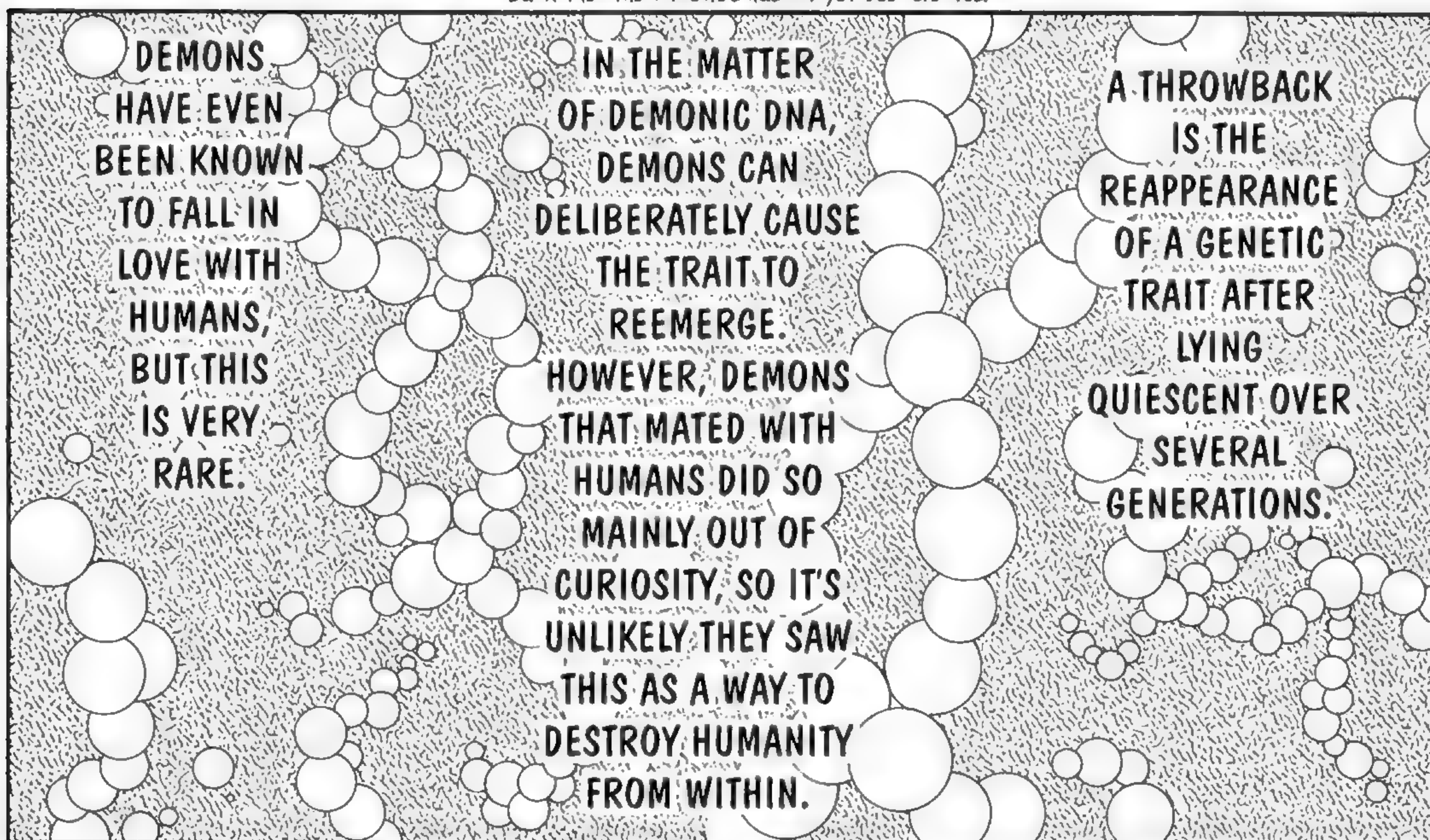
THEN
HE'S
A...



ONE PLANTED ITS LOATHSOME POWER IN URAMESHI'S LINEAGE 44 GENERATIONS AGO, AND IT SLEEPS WITHIN HIM!!

AS YOU KNOW, ONLY CLASS-A DEMONS AND UP CAN GENETICALLY CROSS WITH HUMANS!

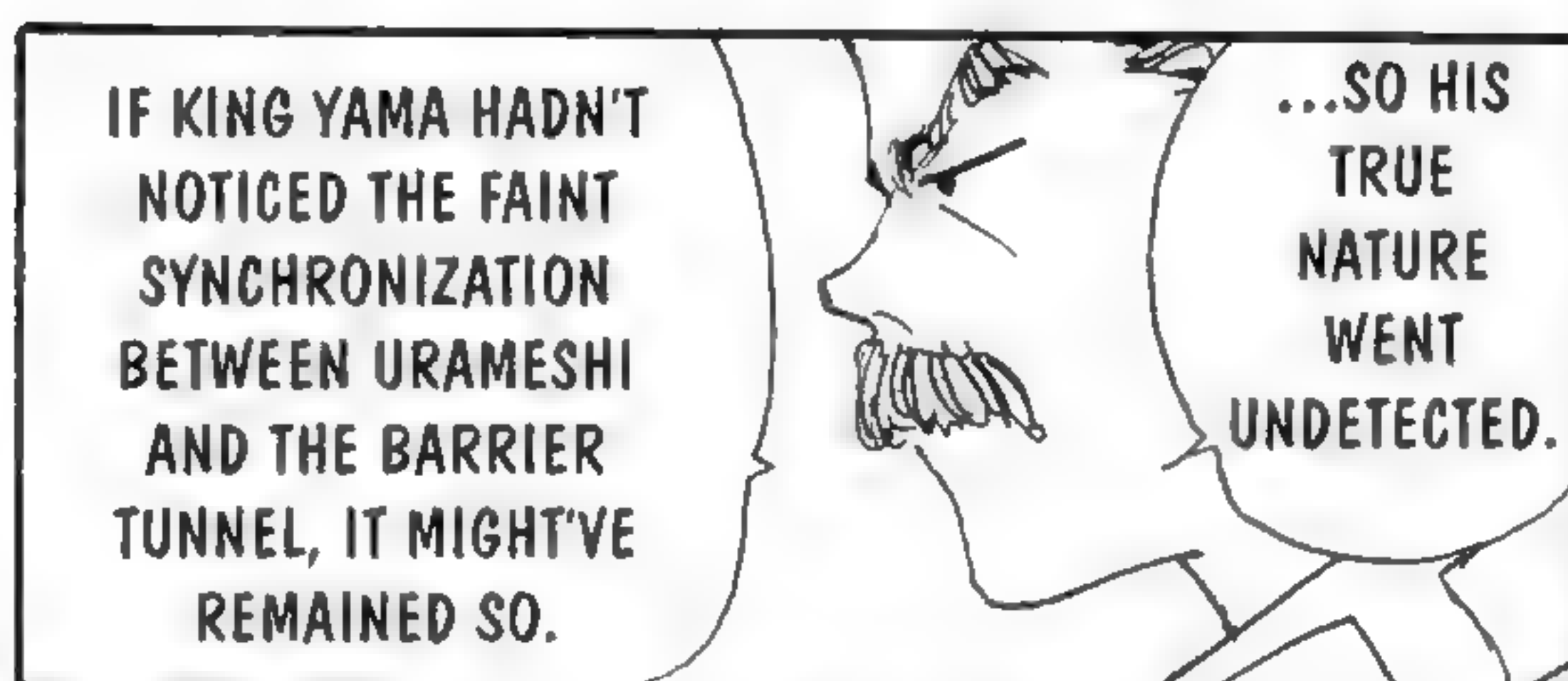
Back then the forcefield had not yet been erected.



DEMONS HAVE EVEN BEEN KNOWN TO FALL IN LOVE WITH HUMANS, BUT THIS IS VERY RARE.

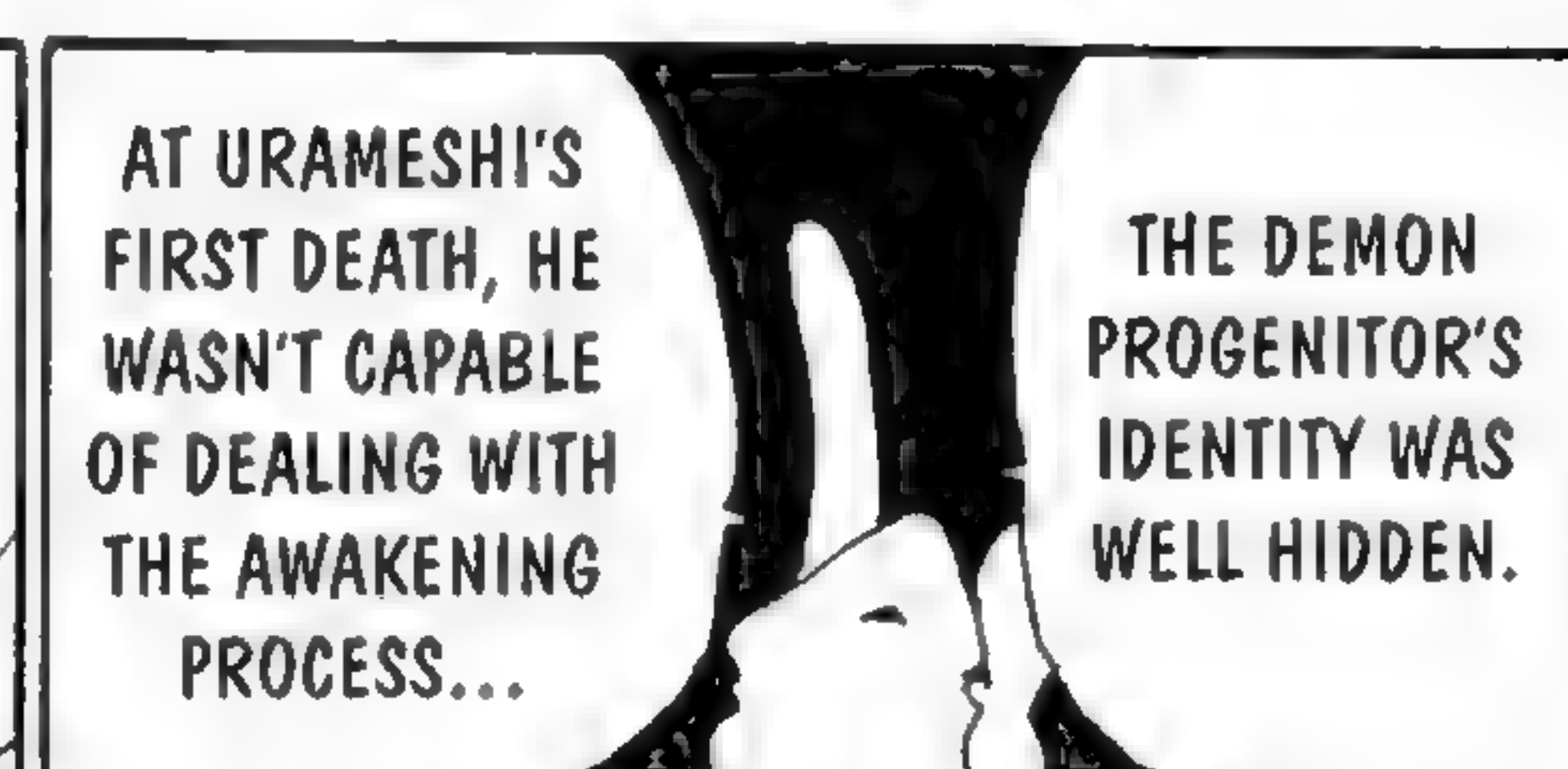
IN THE MATTER OF DEMONIC DNA, DEMONS CAN DELIBERATELY CAUSE THE TRAIT TO REEMERGE. HOWEVER, DEMONS THAT MATED WITH HUMANS DID SO MAINLY OUT OF CURIOSITY, SO IT'S UNLIKELY THEY SAW THIS AS A WAY TO DESTROY HUMANITY FROM WITHIN.

A THROWBACK IS THE REAPPEARANCE OF A GENETIC TRAIT AFTER LYING QUIESCENT OVER SEVERAL GENERATIONS.



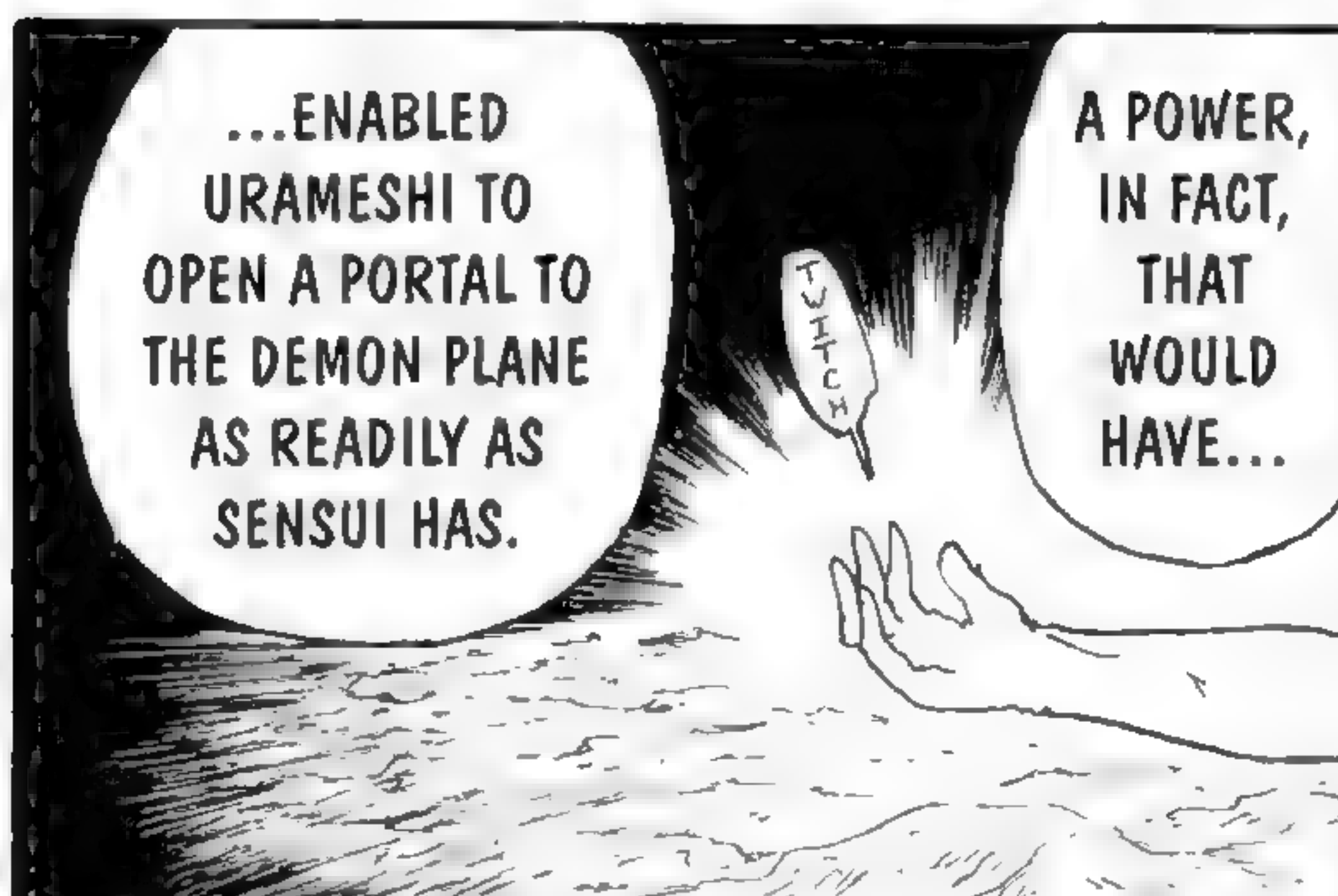
IF KING YAMA HADN'T NOTICED THE FAINT SYNCHRONIZATION BETWEEN URAMESHI AND THE BARRIER TUNNEL, IT MIGHT'VE REMAINED SO.

...SO HIS TRUE NATURE WENT UNDETECTED.



AT URAMESHI'S FIRST DEATH, HE WASN'T CAPABLE OF DEALING WITH THE AWAKENING PROCESS...

THE DEMON PROGENITOR'S IDENTITY WAS WELL HIDDEN.



...ENABLED URAMESHI TO OPEN A PORTAL TO THE DEMON PLANE AS READILY AS SENSUI HAS.

A POWER, IN FACT, THAT WOULD HAVE...



...WE'D UNWITTINGLY HELPED REVIVE AN ANCIENT DEMONIC POWER.

BY RETURNING HIM TO LIFE AS OUR UNDERWORLD DETECTIVE...



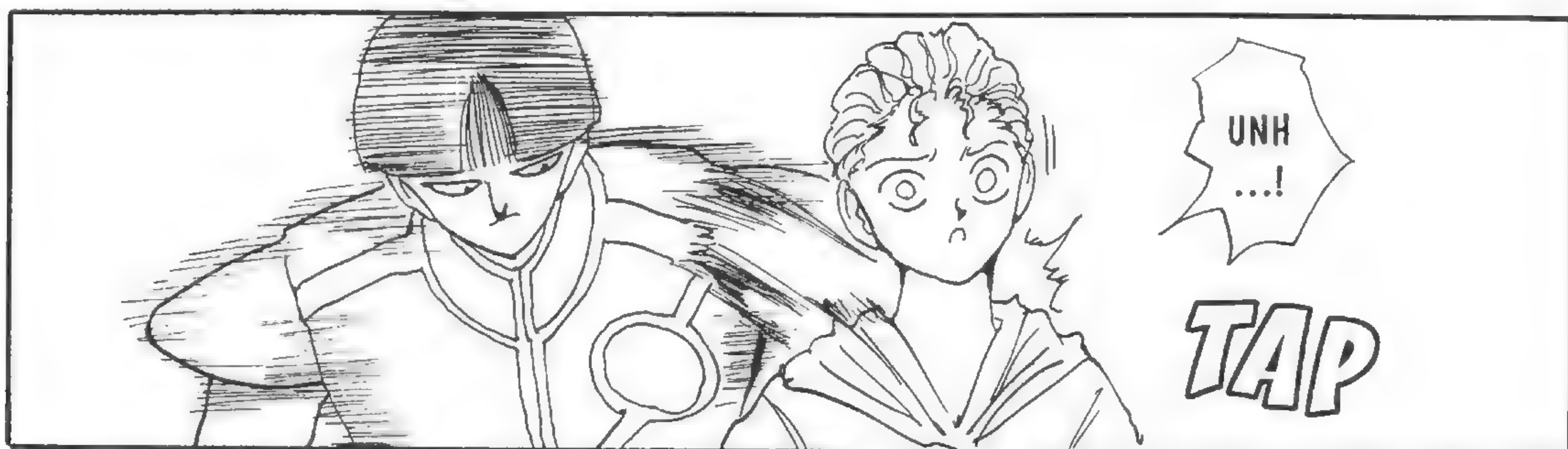
URAMESHI'S
BEEN
FIGHTING
DEMONS
WITH A
VENGEANCE!!

SO WHAT IF
HE HAS
DEMON BLOOD?
HE STILL
HATES
THEM!!



...WHAT
YOU'RE
TRYING
TO SAY!

I DON'T
GET...



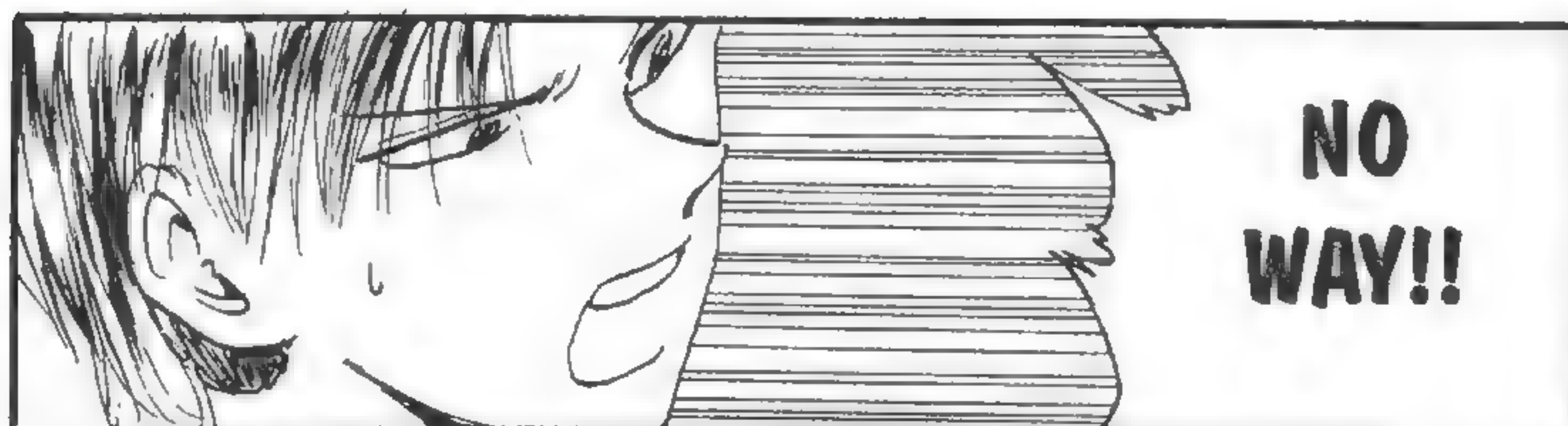
UNH
...!

TAP



...IN THE
DEMON PLANE,
EVEN AFTER
EVERYTHING
THEY'VE DONE
FOR US?

SO YOU'RE
GOING TO KILL
URAMESHI
AND ABANDON
THE OTHERS...



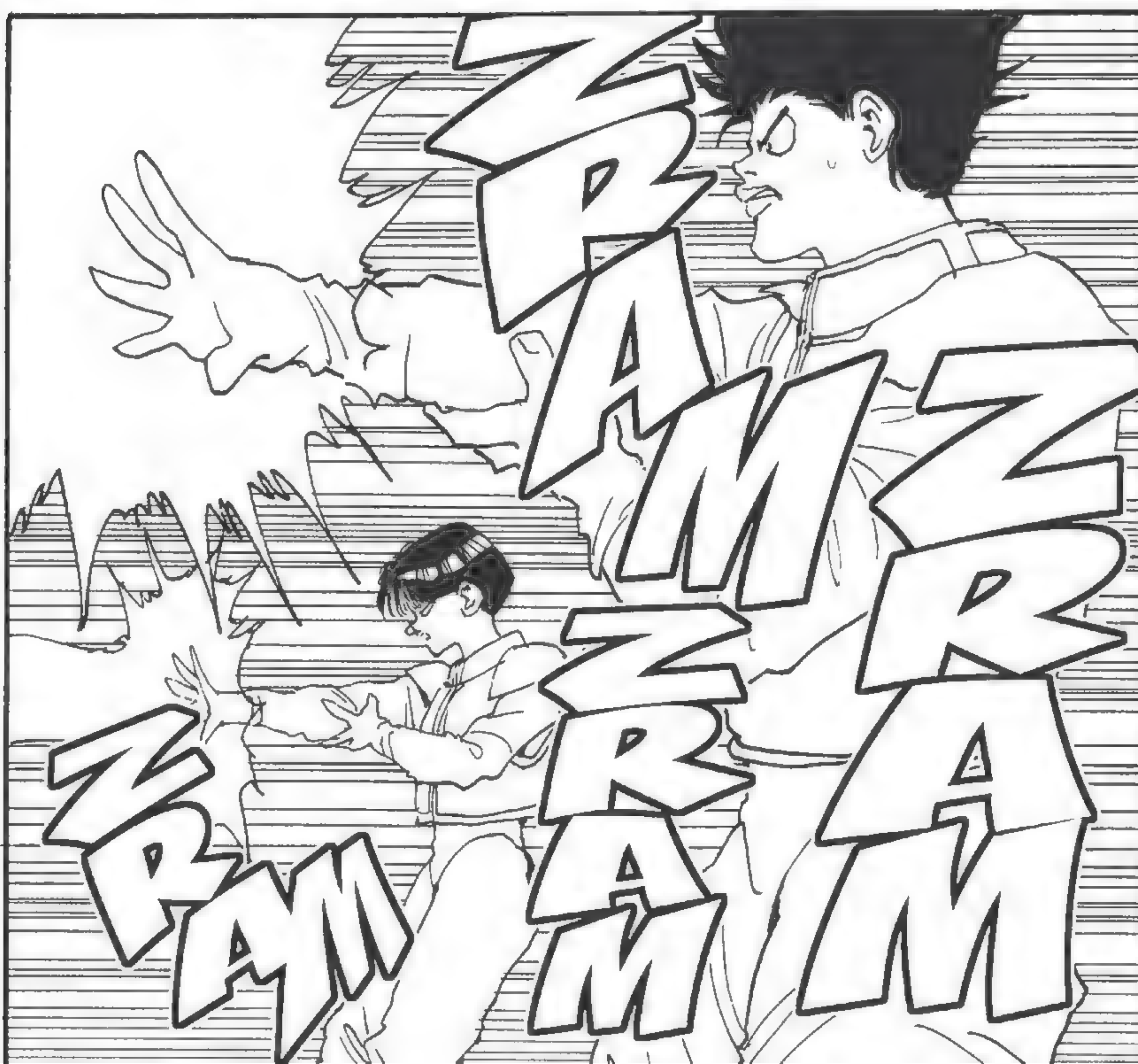
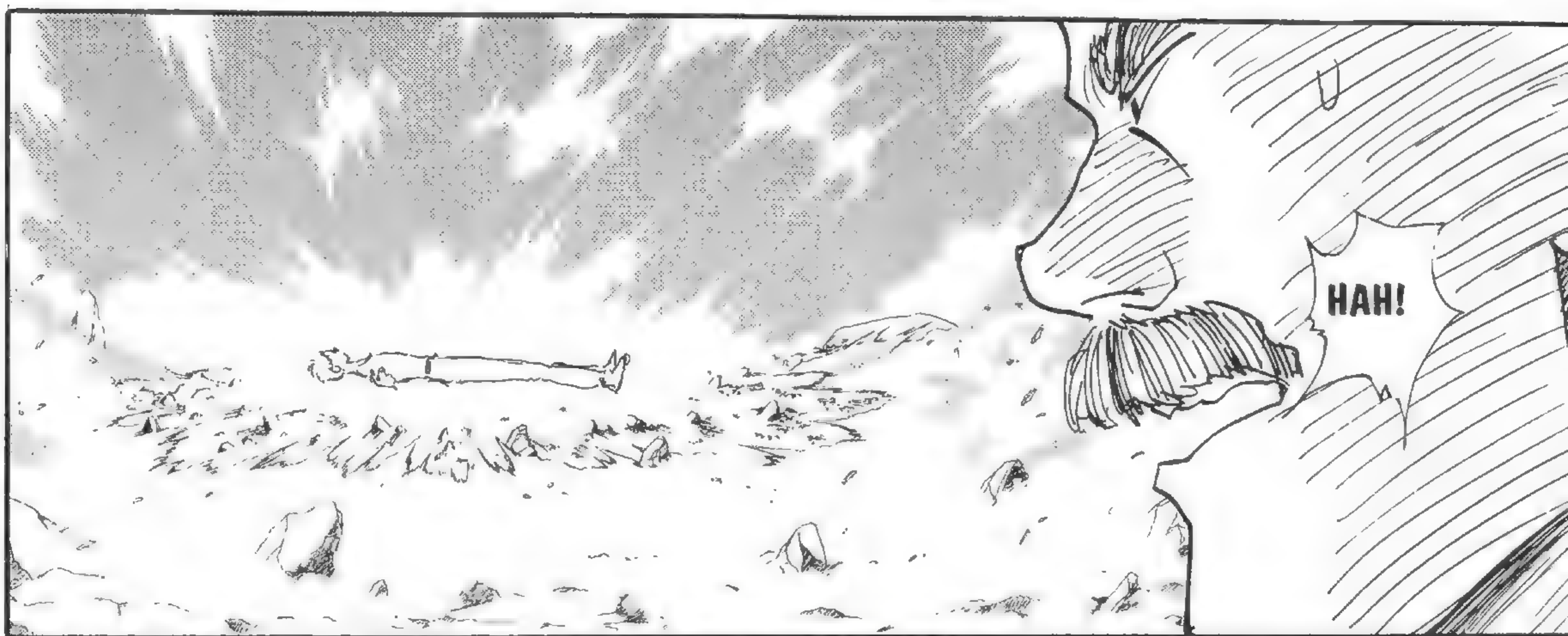
**NO
WAY!!**



IT'S HOW
SENSUI
STARTED
OUT.

THAT'S
THE
PROBLEM.

SKUSH
SKUSH

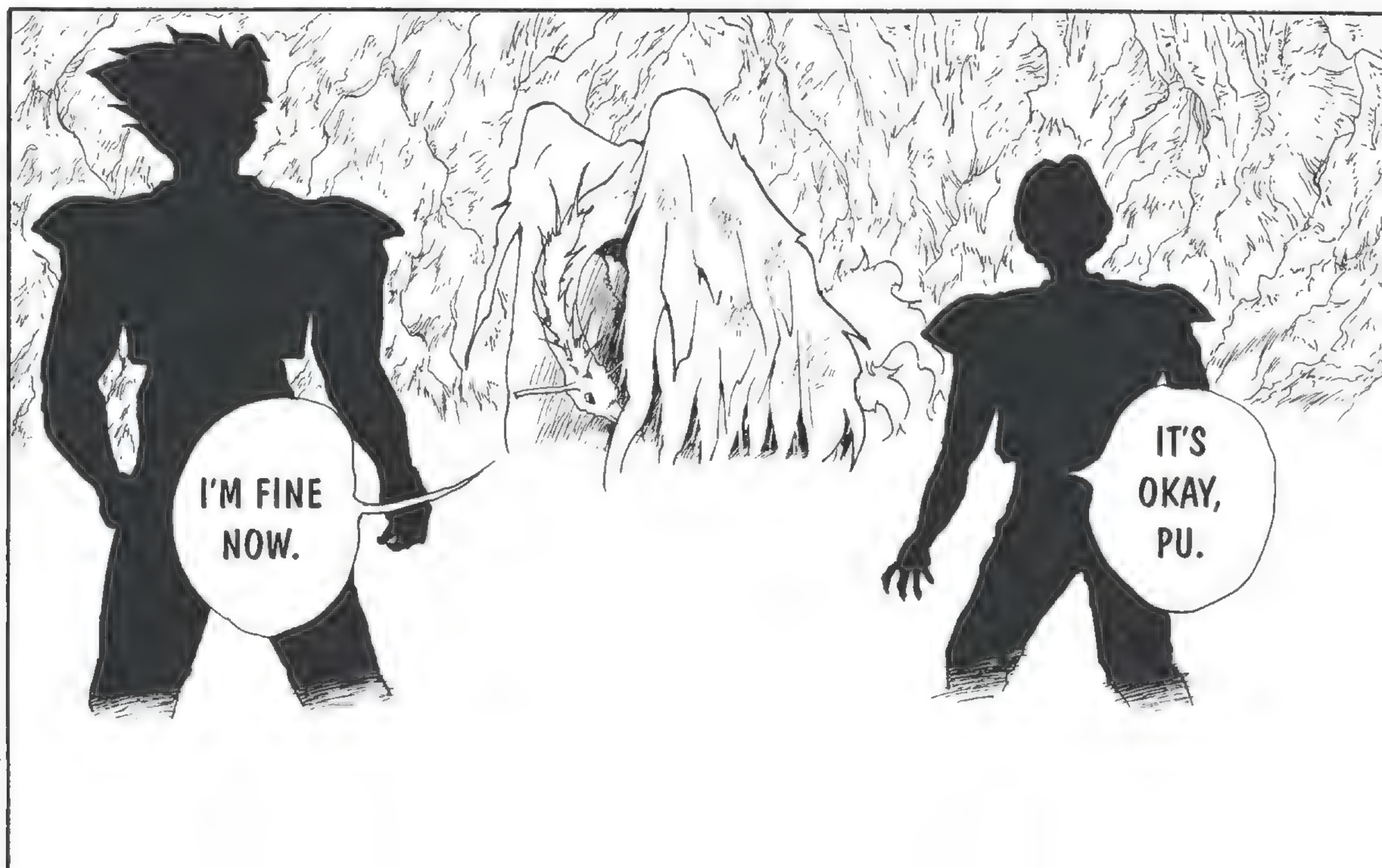
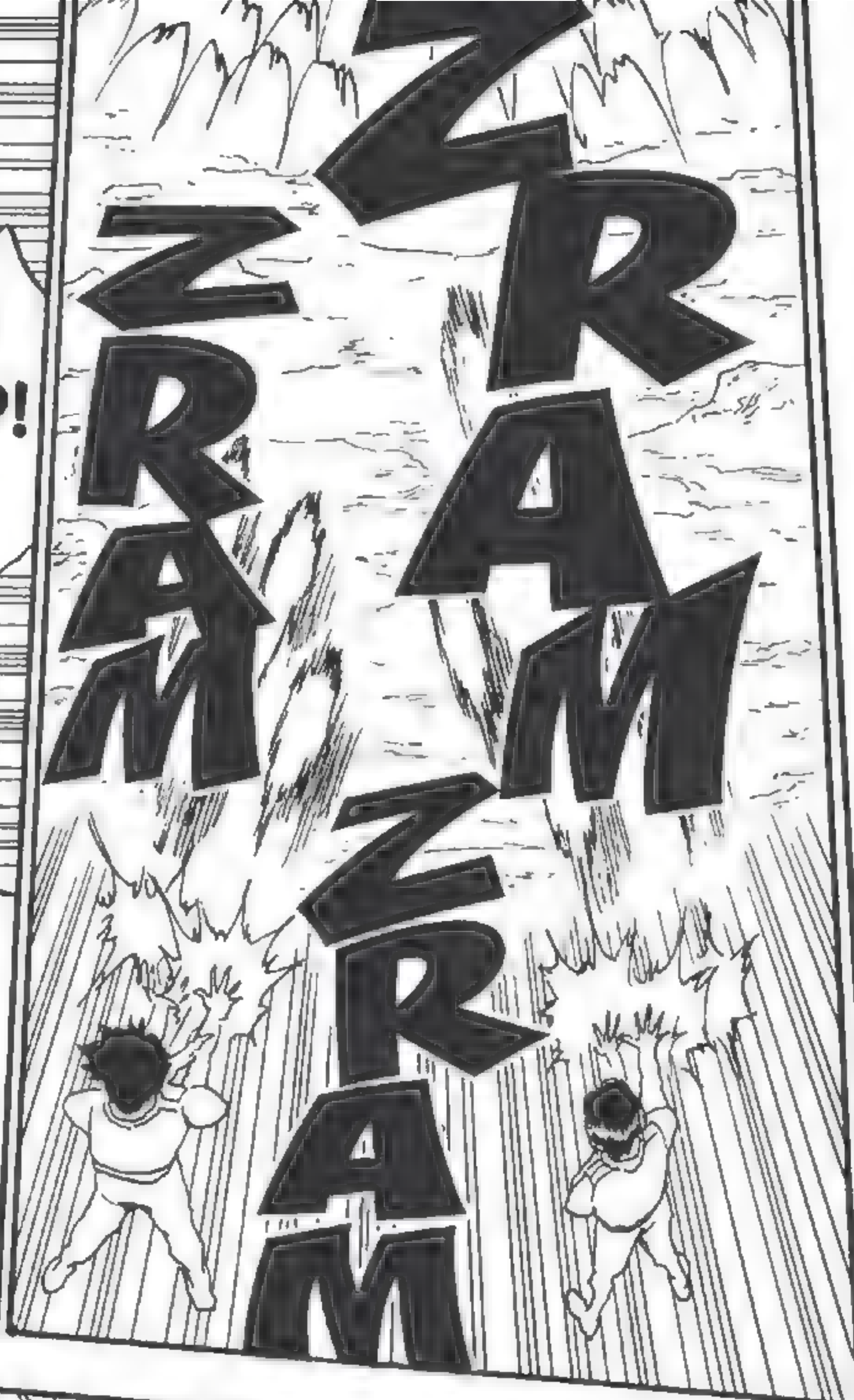




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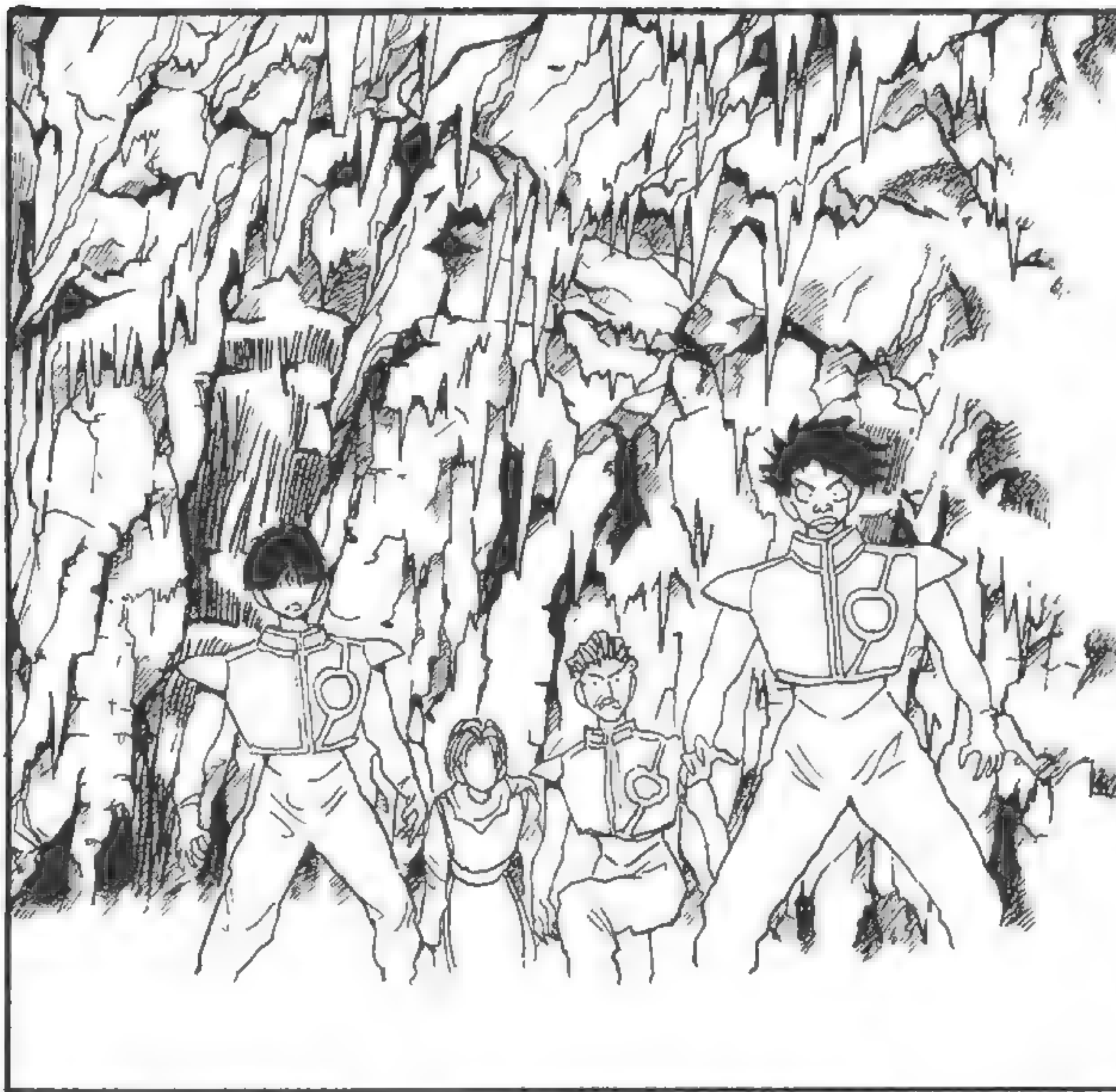
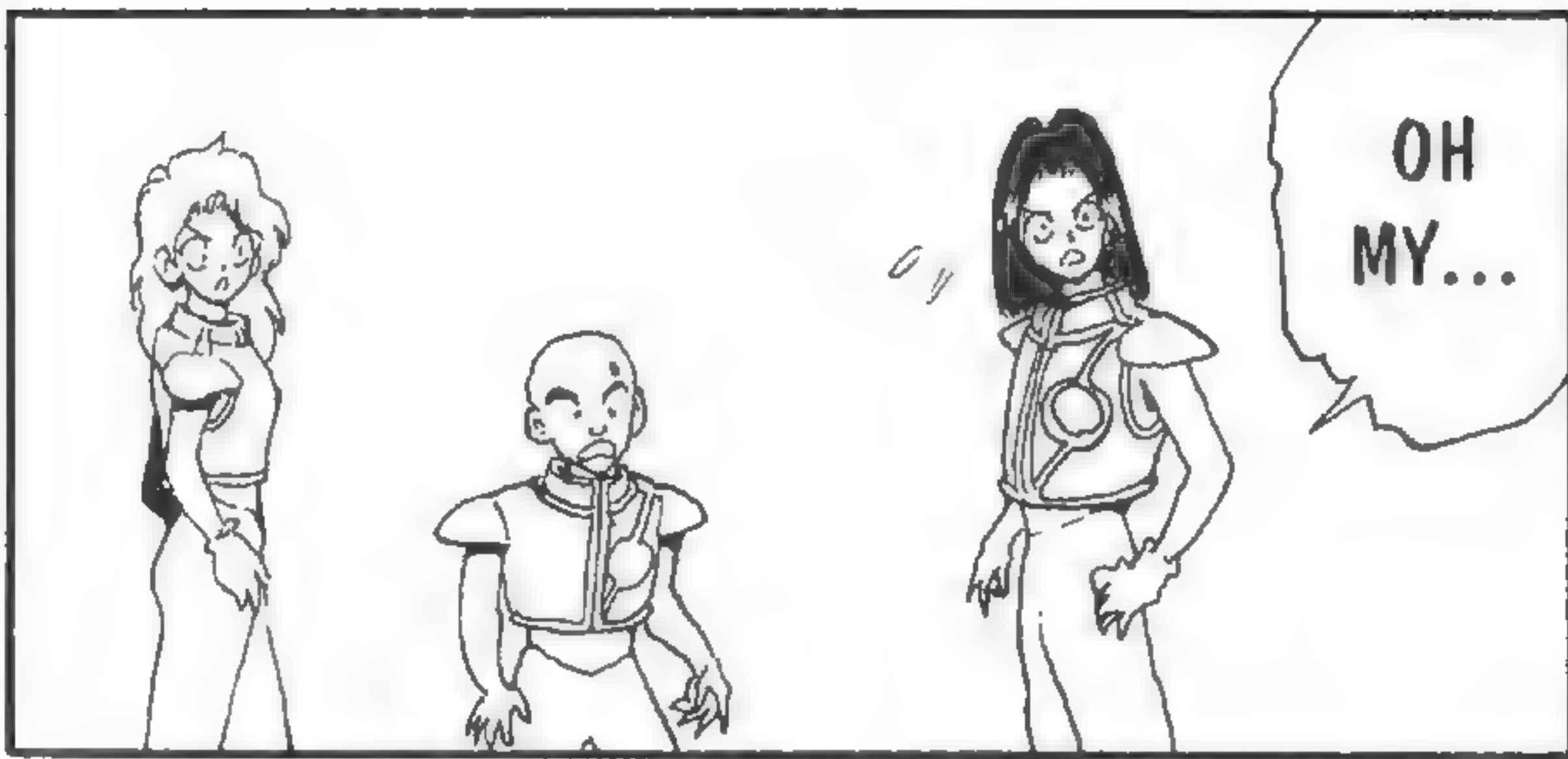
MAINTAIN
FIRE!!

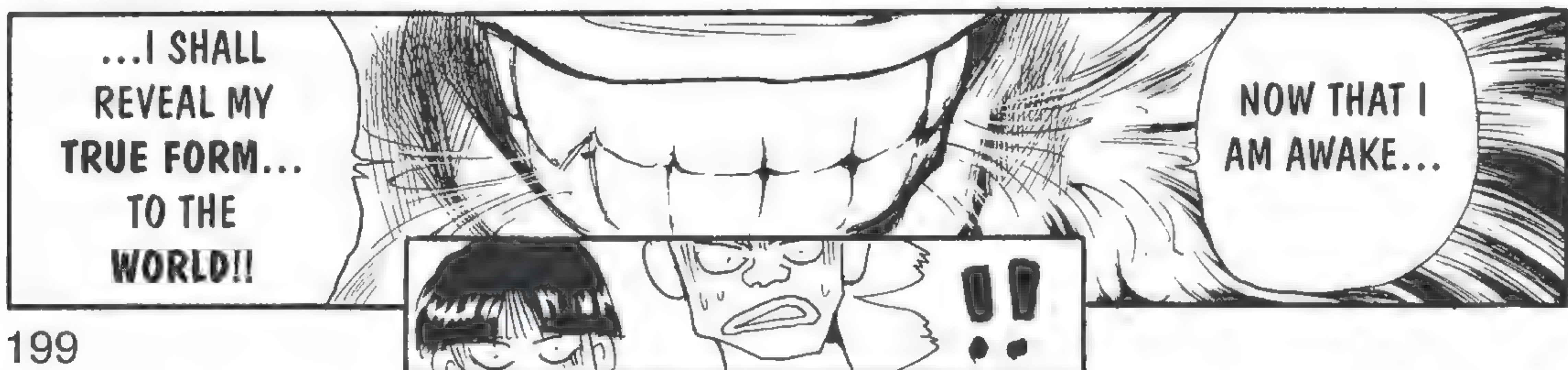
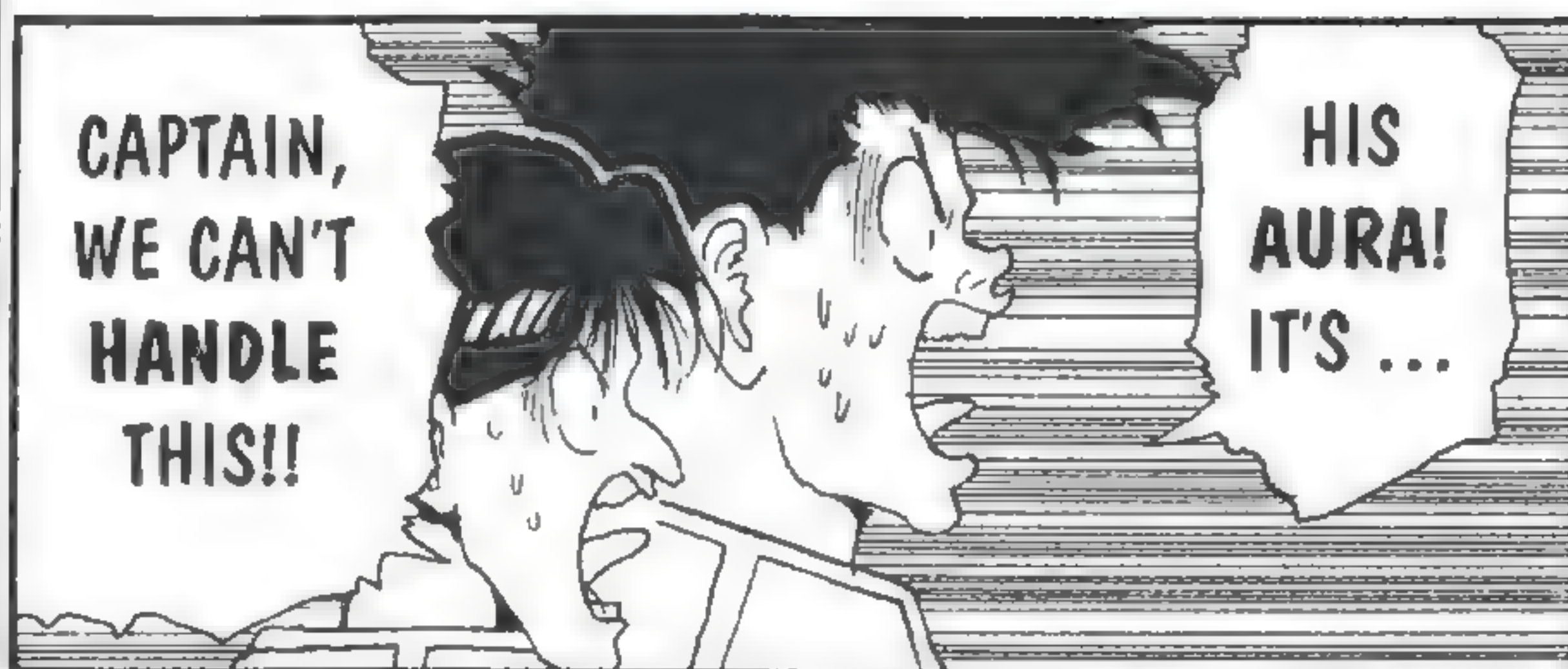
AN
UNDER-
WORLD
BEAST?!

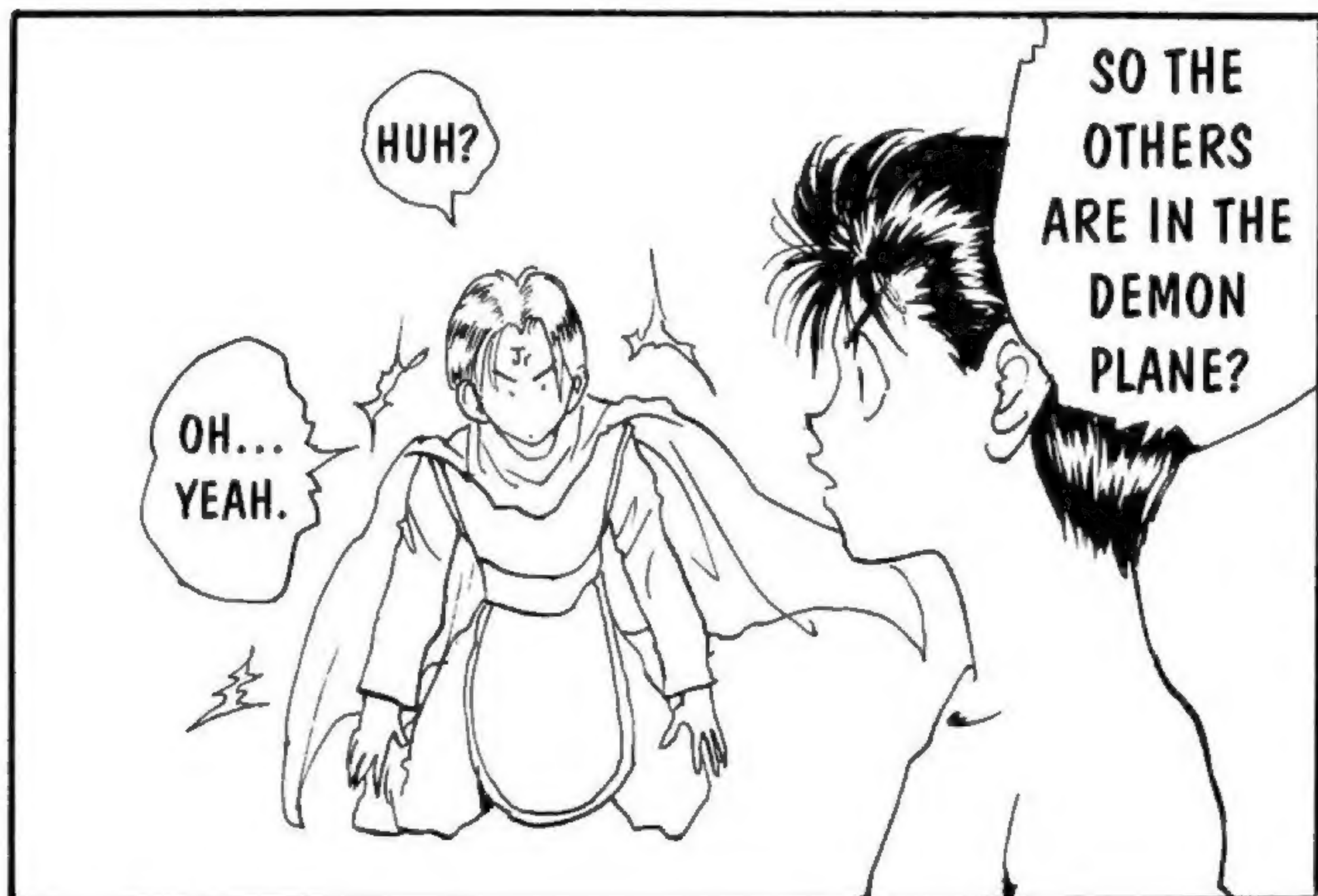
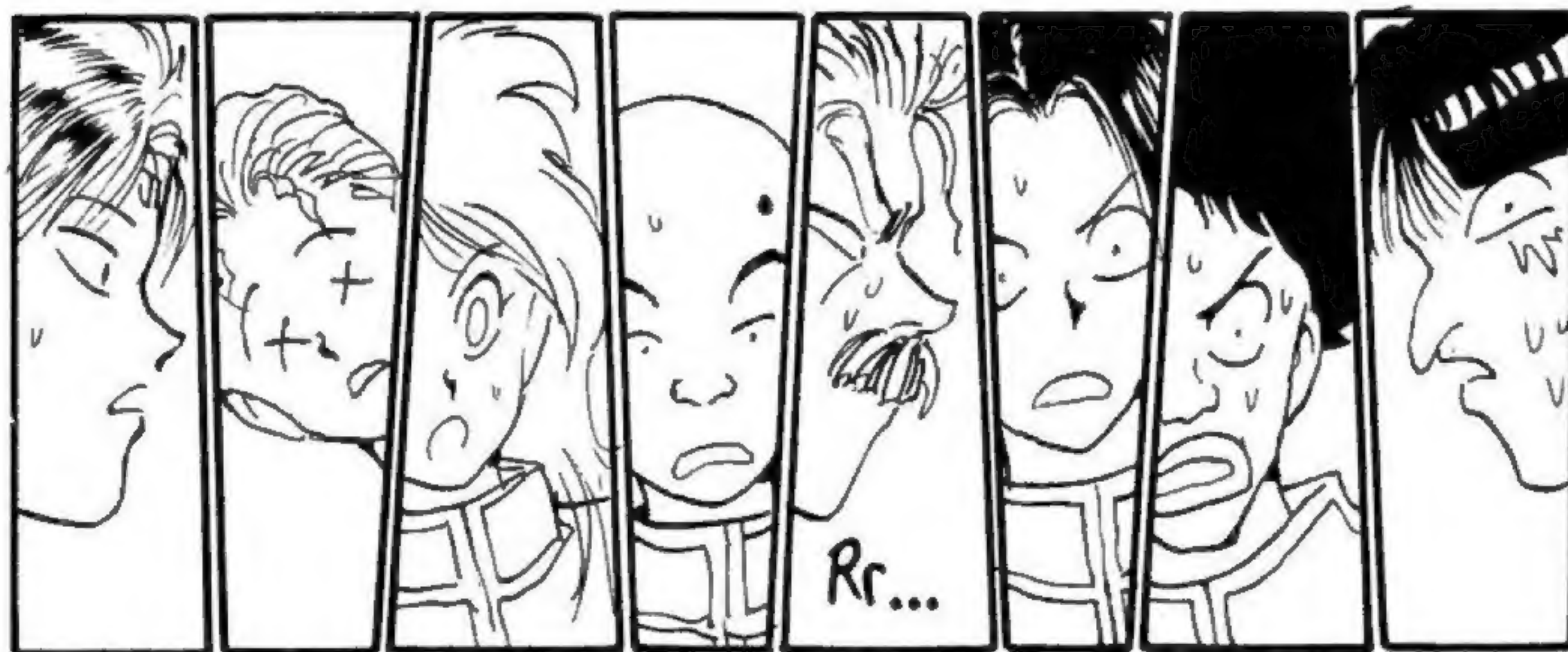


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WHAT'S
YOUR
PROBLEM
?



YOU
AGAIN!

WAIT!



AIN'T
YOU BEEN
LISTENING?



WH-WHO
ARE
YOU...?



I'M YUSUKE
URAMESHI...

...THE SAME
ORNERY DAWG
YOU'VE ALWAYS
KNOWN AND
LOVED.



HEH
!



I'M STILL
GONNA KICK
SENSUI'S
SORRY BUTT!

SO I HAVE A
DEMON
ANCESTOR!
BIG DEAL!

